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FOR THE YEAR

1900.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE HENRY, EARL CADOGAN, K.G.,

SECOND LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1900.

With the exception that Mr. William R. Cooney of Enniskillen has been elected a Commissioner by the Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education, in the room of the Right Rev. Dr. Stack, Lord Bishop of Clogher, the constitution of our Commission remains the same as it was in April, 1900, the date of our last Report. The names of the Commissioners are set out *infra*, Appendix A, No. I., p. 8.

We held Quarterly Meetings on January 10, April 26, July 4, and October 25, and Special Meetings on January 31, May 22, September 14, and November 23. At the Quarterly Meeting held on January 10, we elected Anthony Traill, Esq., M.P., to be our Chairman, and the Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy to be our Vice-Chairman for the year. A Table of the attendances of the Commissioners is given *infra*, Appendix A, No. III., p. 9.

The Standing Committee met 16 times during the year for the despatch of business, and in Appendix A, No. IV., is given a Table of the attendances of the members of the Standing Committee. The names of those Commissioners who constitute the Standing Committee are set out *infra*, Appendix A, No. II., p. 8.

Accounts.—In Appendix B, *infra*, pp. 10–20, we give Summaries of our Audited Accounts for the year, together with the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor on the same.

Our Income Receipts, from all sources, amounted to £8,097 15s. 11d., made up as follows:—

	Rents	Dividends	Miscellaneous	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments,	5,491 7 11	*022 0 6	25 16 4	5,440 4 9
Other Endowments,	1,065 17 3	584 7 5	7 6 7	1,657 11 3
	6,557 5 1	1,506 7 11	34 2 11	8,097 15 11

* Including £270 11s. 6d. income of "Bedding Fund."

Expenditure.

We expended the sum of £7,765 11s. 3d., under the following heads:—

	Rents, Rates and other Estate outgoings	Payment of interest on Mortgages	Provision for Educational Purposes	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments,	1,063 0 1	742 0 6	4,330 8 8	6,135 8 5
Other Endowments,	329 5 5	96 13 4	1,304 3 3	1,630 2 2
	1,392 5 6	838 13 10	5,634 11 11	7,765 11 3

Comparison.

As compared with 1899, receipts show an increase of about £500, due to a net increase of income of like amount from real estate. The rental of the Fermanagh Estate is £700 more than in the year 1899, and includes, not only rents and arrears of rent paid by tenants with the view of having the purchases of their farms completed, but also a sum of £1,298 for interest payable by the tenants in lieu of rent, in respect of the year 1899-1900. On the other hand, there is a drop of nearly £200 on the Banagher Estate, the harvest rents from which were not collected until after the close of the year.

Our expenditure was £165 less than during 1899. Estate outgoings were £429 less, but, on the other hand, nearly £300 more were devoted to educational purposes.

Capital and Investments.

Turning to Cash Capital, and Stock Investment Accounts, the Fermanagh Protestant Board have further reduced their liability, on foot of the mortgage debt due on the security of Portora Royal School, by £250, leaving only £1,350 now owing. A sum of £250 11s. 5d. belonging to the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board was invested in the purchase of £193 Midland Great Western of Ireland Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock, and the same has been placed to the credit of the Building Fund of that Board.

A sum of £1,018 8s. 3d. Government Consolidated Stock, part of the "Building Fund" of the Tyrone Roman Catholic Board, was sold, producing £1,000 cash which was paid to that Board, to defray portion of the cost of new school premises now in course of erection. Save as above, there have been no dealings with the Capital Accounts of the Endowments.

Ulster Royal School Endowments.

The Ulster Royal School Endowments.—Taken as a whole, the general efficiency of the Schools sharing in these Endowments is maintained. In Appendix C, *infra*, pp. 21-30, will be found our Secretary's General Report of the Inspection of these Schools, as well as his detailed Reports as Lord Lieutenant's Inspector. We beg to refer to these documents.

Number of Pupils.

The total number of pupils on the Rolls of the Schools was 588. There was an increase of three pupils at Armagh Royal School, five at Dungannon Royal School, and a substantial rise of sixteen at St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon. There were slight decreases at the remaining Schools, leaving the total two less than in 1899.

Intermediate Examinations.

Two hundred and ninety-eight pupils presented themselves at the Intermediate Examinations of 1900, and two hundred and five passed. This result is not quite so good as that for the previous year, and is altogether due to the somewhat diminished success of three of the Schools. On the other hand, the record of the remaining Schools is very high—85 per cent. of the candidates having passed.

Raphoe Royal School.

Only six pupils of Raphoe Royal School succeeded in passing in the Course prescribed by the Scheme. The Inspector reports, however, that the causes of the shortcomings of the school have been removed, and that the School is likely to recover its position in those matters in respect of which a failure has taken place. Under these circumstances, we have dispensed with the fulfilment, by Raphoe Royal School, for the school year ended August 1, 1900, of the conditions wherein it has failed.

Including a sum of £273 8s. 8d. paid to Cavan, Fermanagh and Tyrone Roman Catholic Boards, as the income on their "Building Funds," we distributed the sum of £4,330 8s. 8d. in the Royal School districts as follows:—Armagh, £628, Cavan, £296 6s. 4d., Donegal, £215, Fermanagh, £1,673 19s. 6d., and Tyrone, £1,517 2s. 10d.

Money distributed.

The close of the year 1900 completes the first decennial period of our work under our new constitution, and it may be well, accordingly, to review the effect of the Scheme during that time.

Review of ten years' work.

The new Scheme was finally approved, and came into force generally, on May 23, 1891. Previous to that date, the Endowments of the five Ulster Royal Schools were applied exclusively for the benefit of those Schools, and the Royal School at Banagher, in the King's County, which has, in addition, a special Endowment of its own. The requirements of these Schools were insufficient to exhaust the yearly income of the Ulster Endowments, except in the case of the Endowments of Armagh and Raphoe Royal Schools, and at the date above mentioned, the accumulated residue of income of the remaining three Ulster Schools amounted to £9,484 17s. 6d. Government Stock, and £8,970 1s. 11d. cash.

Period previous to new Scheme.

With regard to the supervision and control of the Royal Schools, the only power we appear to have had, previous to the new Scheme, was a power of visitation, but we had no facilities by examination, inspection, or otherwise, for testing the educational efficiency of the Schools.

No Inspection, &c.

The object of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, was to extend the usefulness of Educational Endowments, and the Scheme promoted this object, so far as regards the Ulster Royal School Endowments, by providing for the maintenance, out of each of the Endowments, in defined districts, of at least two Schools; by the establishment, in each district, of two Local Boards of Education—one Protestant and one Roman Catholic—to manage and control each its own School, and to apply and administer the income of the Endowments of the District; by providing for the periodical inspection of the Schools; and by requiring that each School should satisfy certain conditions of equipment and suitability, as well as of educational efficiency, which are laid down in the First Schedule to the Scheme.

How new Scheme extends usefulness of Endowments.

In our Reports from 1891 to 1895, we state fully what has been done to bring the Scheme into force with regard to the Ulster School Endowments, and to establish the Schools to be maintained by each Endowment respectively. In the year 1895, three Schools were established, and were prepared to undergo the tests of usefulness and efficiency prescribed by the Scheme.

Scheme carried into force.

In considering the educational results of the Scheme, it may be well to contrast, at the same time, the financial resources of the Schools so established with those of the Royal Schools previous to the Scheme. While dealing with both these questions, however, it must be borne in mind that, on the one hand, the Scheme allowed the Local Boards a period of three full years, namely, to the end of the year 1894, to apply the funds coming to them from the Endowments for the purpose of establishing Schools, and setting them working on a satisfactory basis, while, on the other hand, during the years 1887 to 1890, the Ulster Royal Schools were more or less disorganized owing to the passing of the Educational Endowments Act, and the extensive changes in the management and control of those Schools contemplated by the Scheme. We therefore think that the comparison of educational results, as well as of the financial resources available for education, should be made between the first six years of the decennial period before the Scheme, and the last six years of the period 1891–1900.

Comparison of periods. Six years of each period.

For the years 1881 to 1886, inclusive, the average net annual value of the Endowments, excluding the value of the School premises, and after providing for Estate outgoings and charges, was £4,713, and the average annual amount paid out of the Endowments, for the use and maintenance of the five Ulster Royal Schools, was £4,154. During the same period, the average number of pupils on the rolls of the Royal Schools, taken as a whole, was 217. The amount, per pupil, applied out of the Endowments for educational purposes was, therefore, over £19.

Before Scheme.

After Scheme.

During the six years ended 1900, the yearly charges on the Endowments were increased by the amount necessary to provide for the annuities of the retired Masters, while, on the other hand, the yearly income was reduced by nearly £900, owing to diminished receipts by way of rent, so that the average net annual income of the Endowments which was available for educational purposes was but £3,436. This amount was divided amongst ten Local Boards, and applied for the use and maintenance of ten Schools. 582 pupils were annually educated in these Schools, so that the cost to the Endowments per pupil was less than £6.

Conclusion.

Tested by the Intermediate Examinations and by the official inspection of your Excellency's Inspector, the Schools established under the Scheme have supplied, in general, satisfactory evidence of the efficiency of the education given therein, and of the compliance by them with the conditions of efficiency laid down in the Scheme. We are, therefore, in a position to report that, while the efficiency of these Schools has been maintained, the usefulness of the Endowments of the Ulster Royal Schools has been largely extended.

Local Boards.

The Local Boards of Education.—In Appendix D, *infra*, pp. 31-46, we give the Reports of the Ulster Local Boards of Education, and the Preston School Authority, Abbeylegg. These bodies have discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner.

Carysfort.

Carysfort Endowment.—The five Schools of the Carysfort District are in a satisfactory condition. Sheena School, under its new Mistress, is improving. We distributed a sum of £115 4s. 4d. among the Schools in question.

Preston.

Preston Endowment.—The gross income of this Endowment was £868 11s. 9d. Estate outgoings, including £159 17s. 3d. paid to the King's Hospital, Oxmantown, being one-fourth of the net income of the Preston Estate, absorbed £382 12s. 2d., leaving £485 19s. 7d. for educational purposes. This sum, pursuant to the Schemes regulating the Endowment, was allocated, in the proportion of seven to five, to the credit of the accounts of the Preston School, Navan, and the Preston Queen's County Endowments.

Navan.

Preston School, Navan.—This School is, we understand, making satisfactory progress. It has recently been opened to female pupils. We paid to the Meath Diocesan Board of Education, for the purposes of this School, the sum of £382 2s. 9d.

Abbeylegg.

Preston School, Abbeylegg, which was opened and carried on under the auspicious circumstances already reported by us, has gone through a serious crisis. The numbers in attendance fell from 47 in June, 1899, to 21 in May, 1900. After the Intermediate Examinations, at which only 11 competed and 6 passed, the connection of Mr. Carleton, the Head Master, with the School ceased. The Local Authority have appointed, as his successor, Mr. R. J. Hampton, B.A., who is reported to us as being an excellent teacher. The School was re-opened on October 26, and is stated to be making good progress. We beg to refer to the Report of the Inspector printed *infra*, p. 20.

During the year, we paid the Abbeylegg Local School Authority the sum of £287 19s. 8d., being the net income of the Queen's County Endowment.

Leamy.

The Leamy Endowments, Limerick.—We applied the sum of £242 5s. 7d. for the benefit of the Schools maintained by this Endowment.

The High School under the Protestant Board is still conducted in the premises in Mallow-street, Limerick, which we have already reported as being unsuitable. The Leamy Protestant Board, with every desire to remove their School to suitable premises, appear to find great difficulty in obtaining fitting accommodation, but we have reason to believe that the Board in question have reasonable expectations of overcoming their difficulties. Under adverse circumstances the High School has done good work. It appears to supply a much-needed want in Limerick.

The high efficiency of the Leamy National School is well maintained.

Banagher, &c.

The Endowments of Banagher Royal School, and the Diocesan School Funds.—The indebtedness to us of the Banagher Endowment has apparently increased by about £100. This is due to the circumstance that the November rents were not received

until after the close of the year, while, on the other hand, the yearly outgoings, including Mr. Joyce's annuity of £100, remained practically undiminished. The question of the application of the income of these Endowments presents very considerable difficulties, having regard to the terms of the Scheme framed for the future management of these funds. This matter has had our earnest consideration, and we trust before long to be able to devise a plan for the useful application of the Endowments.

The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.—As in previous years, the same three Schools established their claim to share in this Endowment, namely:—St. Mary's College, Dundalk, for 12 pupils; the Christian Schools, Dundalk, for 15 pupils; and the Dundalk Educational Institution for 7 pupils. We divided the sum of £32 18s. 10d., being the net income, among these Schools, in proportion to the above numbers.

Viscount
Limerick
Endowment.

The Banks Endowment, Eyre-court.—The Male National School, which has been established in the premises of the old endowed School, is reported to be efficiently conducted. No plan for the application of the income of the Endowment has yet been received from the local Trustees. In accordance with the provisions of the Scheme, we have consulted with the Manager of the Eyre-court Male and Female National Schools, who, however, states that he will not be in a position to submit a satisfactory scheme, until the transfer of the Female School to new premises has been effected, and the Schools fairly started under new conditions.

Banks
Endowment,
Eyre-court.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

The Summary of our Rentals for 1898-99, and of our Agent's Accounts for the corresponding periods are given in Appendix D, Nos. IV. and V. Our Receipts by way of Rents increased from £5,890 to £5,104. The outgoings have decreased by £38. The year's Rental has decreased by about £190. The greater portion of this reduction—over £140—is due to the circumstance that the Rental of the Fermanagh Estate was for little more than eleven months, as the great majority of the tenants signed their purchase contracts in October, 1899, and, therefore, ceased to be liable for further rent, in the event of the contracts being carried into effect. There was a decrease of about £10 in the Armagh Estate, £24 on the Tyrone Estate, and £13 on the Cappaloughlin Estate, owing to reductions consequent on the fixing of rents under the Land Acts.

Rentals and
Accounts.

Fermanagh Estate.—Sale.—The Purchase Contracts of all the tenants, except six, have been executed by both parties, and have been lodged with the Land Commission. Two hundred and twelve contracts have been accepted, and the advance of purchase-money, amounting to £23,840, sanctioned. Queries have been raised in connection with the remainder of the executed contracts, which are in process of being dealt with.

Fermanagh.

All of which we have the honour to submit to your Excellency as our report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal, at a Meeting held
this Eighteenth day of April, 1901.

Present when the Seal was affixed.

J. WALKER CRAIG, *Chairman.*

JAMES H. STRONGE,	} Commissioners.
H. B. WILSON,	
P. J. BYRNE,	
M. COYNE,	
W. R. COONEY,	
✠ R. OWENS,	
JAMES C. MACGINLEY,	

N. D. MURPHY,
Secretary

APPENDIX A.

No. I.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND,
1901.

I. APPOINTED BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT:

1. Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, D.D., D.Sc., *Chairman*.
2. Rev. R. McChesne Edgar, D.D., M.A.
3. R. Y. Tyrrell, Esq. LL.D., F.T.C.D.
4. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne.
5. His Honor Judge Carton.
6. Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, M.A.
7. W. J. M. Stuckle, Esq., M.A., LL.D., *Resident Commissioner of National Education*.
8. Rev. J. M. Hamilton, D.D., A.M.
9. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden.
10. Sir Francis R. Cruise, M.D.

II. ELECTED BY THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION:

11. Sir James H. Stronge, Bart., J.P., *Armagh Protestant Board*.
12. Very Rev. M. Canon Coyne, P.P., *Armagh Roman Catholic Board*.
13. Anthony Trull, Esq., LL.D., M.D., S.F.T.C.D., *Cavan Protestant Board, Vice-Chairman*.
14. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, *Cavan Roman Catholic Board*.
15. His Honor Judge Craig, *Down Protestant Board*.
16. Very Rev. James C. MacGinley, *Down Roman Catholic Board*.
17. W. R. Cooney, Esq., *Fermanagh Protestant Board*.
18. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clagher, *Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board*.
19. Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., *Tyrone Protestant Board*.
20. Right Rev. Monsignor Byrnes, *Tyrone Roman Catholic Board*.

No. II.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman, 2. The Vice-Chairman, 3. Rev. Mr. Campbell. 4. Judge Carton. 5. Judge Craig. | } <i>ex-officio</i> . | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Rev. Dr. Edgar. 7. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden. 8. Very Rev. Dean MacGinley. 9. Dr. Sturkie. 10. Rev. Dr. Wilson. |
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No. III.

* ATTENDANCE ROLL OF THE COMMISSIONERS, 1900.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS	DATES OF MEETINGS.								Total.
	January 10	January 21	April 25	May 22	July 4	September 14	October 20	November 21	
Dr. Trull, Chairman,	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	7
Monsieur Melley, Vice-Chairman,	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	5
Brown, Most Rev. Dr.,	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Ryves, Monsignor,	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	5
Campbell, Rev. Mr.,	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	7
Curton, Judge,	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	6
Clyne, Very Rev. Canon,	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3
Craig, Judge,	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
*O'Connell, Mr. James,	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Edgar, Rev. Dr.,	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	5
Harrison, Rev. Mr.,	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	4
Hobbes, Mr. Justice,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MacGillivray, Very Rev. Dean,	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	5
O'Connor, Most Rev. Dr.,	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	4
Steele, Right Rev. Dr.,	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Steele, Dr.,	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Strang, Mr. James,	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Tyrrill, Dr.,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Walsh, Most Rev. Dr.,	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Wilson, Rev. Dr.,	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	7

* Appointed by His Excellency, on March 21 in the room of Mr. Marshall, deceased.

No. IV.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF STANDING COMMITTEE, 1900.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS SUMMONED DURING THE YEAR—16.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR—16.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS.	Dates of Meetings.												Totals.
	January 10	January 18	February 15	March 1	March 18	April 5	April 25	May 1	May 22	June 5	June 25	September 14	
Dr. Trull, Chairman,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Monsieur Melley, Vice-Chairman,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Curton, Judge,	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Craig, Judge,	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Edgar, Rev. Dr.,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
*Campbell, Rev. Mr.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hobbes, Mr. Justice,	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
MacGillivray, Very Rev. Dean,	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Steele, Dr.,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
Wilson, Rev. Dr.,	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5

* Elected on 8th September, October 25, 1899.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX B.—

No. I.—SUMMARY OF

Dr.

Made up to

TITLE OF ACCOUNT.					—	
					£	s. d.
To Armagh Royal School Endowment—Capital,	.	.	.	.	145	1 0
" Armagh Royal School Endowment—Income,	.	.	.	.	58	9 5
" Armagh Protestant Board, .	.	.	.	.	115	10 0
" Carrick Estate, Sale,	.	.	.	.	44	3 5
" Donegal Estate, Sale,	.	.	.	.	11	5 4
" Donegal Protestant Board, .	.	.	.	.	18	14 10
" Fermanagh Protestant Board—Capital,	.	.	.	.	1,350	0 0
" Fermanagh Protestant Board—Income,	.	.	.	.	24	4 8
" Dungannon Estate, Loan, .	.	.	.	.	27	9 0
" Fermanagh Estate, Sale, .	.	.	.	.	238	13 0
" Lenny Roman Catholic Board, .	.	.	.	.	1	10 0
" Banagher Royal School Endowment,	.	.	.	.	161	0 2½
" Ulster Bank, .	.	.	.	.	1,584	10 8
" Agents' Accounts, .	.	.	.	.	673	7 3
Total,					£4,389	10 4½

IN IRELAND, 23 NASSAU STREET, DUBLIN.

ACCOUNTS.

CASH ACCOUNTS.

December 31st, 1900.

Cr.

TITLE OF ACCOUNT	£ s. d.
By Cavan Royal School Endowment—Income,	115 15 8½
„ Cavan Roman Catholic Board,	34 1 4
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Income,	109 2 8
„ Keshmiskillen Royal School Endowment—Capital,	145 1 0
„ Keshmiskillen Royal School Endowment—Income,	1,366 4 1
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Capital,	1,250 1 2
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Income,	60 10 1
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment—Income,	91 18 8½
„ Tyrone Roman Catholic Board,	38 17 9
„ Preston (Navan) Income,	272 15 8½
„ Preston (Queen's Co.) Income,	302 8 1
„ Leamy Endowment,	58 0 2
„ Leamy Protestant Board,	22 5 4
„ Limerick Diocesan School,	163 10 1
„ Leighlin and Querry Diocesan School,	49 1 6
„ Meath and Ardsagh Diocesan School,	110 13 1
„ Tuam, Killybeg, and Achonry Diocesan School,	117 15 2
„ Athlone Private School,	2 5 2
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecoombe,	69 18 10
„ Bep's R. Owen,	5 2 4
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix,	2 19 1
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	52 13 3
„ Crystofort Royal School Endowment,	61 2 2
„ Outstanding Oracles,	184 13 11
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Total,	£4,589 10 4½

IN IRELAND, 23 NASSAU STREET, DUBLIN.

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1900.

Cr.

TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.		
<i>Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock :—</i>		£ s. d.
By Cavan Royal School Endowment,		3,628 10 7
" Cavan Roman Catholic Board,		2,607 11 3
" Tyrone Roman Catholic Board,		1,786 1 7
" Carrisfort Royal School Endowment,		1,313 11 10
" Preston (Navan) Endowment,		3,514 11 4
" Preston (Queen's County) Endowment,		3,476 6 0
" Limerick Diocesan School,		63 1 6
" Leighlin and Quary Diocesan School,		358 12 7
" Moath and Ardagh do. do.		835 8 3
" Tuam, Kilsale, and Ashoury do. do.		853 2 9
" Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,		78 16 9
" Do. do.		440 6 9
" Athlone Private School,		164 2 10
" Preston General Endowment,		903 19 2
		<hr/> 19,909 2 2
" Preston School, Navan,		<hr/> 498 16 2
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c. :—</i>		
By Leamy Endowment,		3,169 0 0
" Leamy Protestant Board,		139 0 0
" Fernmanagh Roman Catholic Board,		376 0 0
		<hr/> 3,684 0 0
" Leamy Protestant Board,		<hr/> 1,200 0 0
" Leamy Endowment,		<hr/> 1,108 0 0
" Kenilshill Royal School Endowment,		1,417 0 0
" Fernmanagh Roman Catholic Board,		1,349 0 0
		<hr/> 3,872 0 0

Dr.

No. II.—STOCK

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITY.	—
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c. :—</i>	£ s. d.
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture, . . .	1,744 0 0
	1,744 0 0
To Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway 4 per cent. Debenture, . . .	741 0 0
" Do. do. 4½ per cent. do. . . .	200 0 0
" Cork and Brandon 4½ per cent. Debenture,	1,500 0 0
" Cork and Macroom 4 per cent. Debenture,	1,000 0 0
" Donegal Railway 5 per cent. Debenture,	450 0 0
	450 0 0
To Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	2,447 0 0
	2,447 0 0
" Cork and Brandon 4 per cent. Debenture,	980 0 0
" Guaranteed Land Stock,	7,585 18 6
" Do. do. (Guarantee Deposits),	2,099 0 0
	9,634 18 6
" Bank of Ireland Stock,	201 9 6

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT—continued.

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TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.		£	s	d
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &c.—</i>				
By Leamy Endowment,		1,250	0	0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,		22	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,		132	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,		199	0	0
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment,		8	0	0
„ Tyrone Roman Catholic Board,		133	0	0
		1,744	0	0
„ Leamy Endowment,		741	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,		200	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,		1,500	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,		1,000	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,		207	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,		132	0	0
„ Carysfort Royal School Endowment,		36	0	0
„ Leighlin and Osney Endowment,		17	0	0
„ Moeth and Ardagh Endowment,		18	0	0
„ Tuam, Kilsale, and Acherry Endowment,		40	0	0
		450	0	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,		2,500	0	0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,		187	0	0
		2,447	0	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,		950	0	0
„ Carna Estate Sale,		7,024	18	6
„ Donagall Estate Sale,		11	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,		1,312	0	0
„ Carna Royal School Endowment,		187	0	0
		9,634	18	6
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeykirk,		201	3	6

APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

1 (a).—THE ULSTER ROYAL

Dr.

CHARGE.

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1899.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	TOTAL.
		Rents.	Donations.	Other Payments.	Total Receipts.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Royal School,	—	1,440 18 7	—	3 6 4	1,443 17 1	35 9 3	1,479 4 6
Cavan Royal School,	117 12 100	—	205 18 7	6 12 6	293 18 7	—	491 11 54
Enniskillen Royal School,	117 6 3	71 15 0	277 4 0	6 13 6	360 4 6	—	367 5 3
Handkillen Royal School,	998 3 34	4,236 8 3	103 17 3	14 17 10	4,371 3 4	—	5,369 6 74
Downpatrick Royal School,	292 9 34	1,206 11 1	6 6 2	1 16 6	1,214 14 3	—	2,463 6 54
Total,	1,410 12 34	6,476 7 11	424 5 9	25 15 4	6,936 13 3	35 9 4	7,002 16 104

* Includes £1,200 14s. 1d. interest in lieu of rent paid by guaranteeing tenants.

1 (b).—THE ULSTER LOCAL

Dr.

CHARGE.

Name of Local Board.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1899.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	Total.
		Distribution Share of Endowments.	Donations, &c., on Building Funds, &c.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Protestant,	—	364 0 0	—	—	364 0 0	113 10 3	477 10 3
Armagh Roman Catholic,	—	714 0 0	—	—	714 0 0	—	714 0 0
Cavan Protestant,	—	113 16 0	—	—	113 16 0	—	113 16 0
Cavan Roman Catholic,	36 10 3	113 10 0	65 16 6	—	194 26 6	—	388 47 3
Downpatrick Protestant,	—	107 10 4	—	17 16 2	124 26 6	15 16 10	144 0 6
Downpatrick Roman Catholic,	—	117 10 8	—	—	117 10 8	—	307 13 6
Fermanagh Protestant,	—	774 10 6	—	—	774 10 6	35 4 2	809 14 8
Fermanagh Roman Catholic,	68 1 0	774 10 6	123 7 10	—	965 27 16	—	1,033 12 7
Tyrone Protestant,	—	712 0 0	—	—	712 0 0	—	712 0 0
Tyrone Roman Catholic,	10 11 5	712 0 0	75 9 2	—	797 9 2	—	807 6 7
Total,	104 13 5	4,697 0 0	273 15 6	17 16 2	4,988 3 3	153 9 1	5,141 12 4

ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE, 1900.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

DISCHARGE.

Cr.

	Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1899	EXPENDITURE.							Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1900.	TOTAL.	
		On Estate, Endowment, &c.					Total on Estate.	Amount Disbursed between Local Boards.			Total Expendi- ture.
		Rents, Taxes, &c.	Agency Charges, and other Payments.	Yearly School Fees, &c.	Retired Master's Annuities.						
	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	
	100 15 8	136 9 7	234 17 8	—	472 6 3	169 13 4	628 9 0	1,938 13 4	—	1,672 6 8	
	—	—	5 5 5	—	63 12 3	68 35 9	227 0 6	256 15 9	115 12 5½	443 11 5½	
	—	38 9 1	15 2 6	—	—	43 3 7	515 0 0	598 5 7	109 2 8	337 6 3	
	—	97 11 3	360 3 12	—	118 5 2	679 2 5½	1,662 0 0	2,026 2 5½	1,366 4 1	3,395 6 7½	
	—	126 1 6	376 18 9	—	38 43 10	422 5 6	1,433 0 3	1,911 5 4	91 15 5½	2,003 4 0½	
	303 15 2	372 2 5	690 17 7½	—	713 0 6	1,385 9 6½	4,887 0 0	3,462 9 4½	1,363 1 2	7,649 14 18½	

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

DISCHARGE.

Ca.

Debit Balance, December 31, 1899.	CREDITS.				Credit Balance, December 31, 1900.	Total.
	Rev. &c. due by Local Boards.	Treasury of Public Works paid.	Net Amount of Share of Endowment.	Total Credits.		
S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.	S. s. d.
120 16 0	336 0 0	—	53 0 0	334 0 0	—	429 16 0
—	—	—	314 0 0	314 0 0	—	314 0 0
—	—	—	113 30 8	113 30 8	—	113 30 8
—	—	62 8 4	113 30 8	152 32 4	36 1 4	216 17 5
35 30 8	62 0 0	—	64 10 9	117 30 0	—	166 0 8
—	—	—	187 16 9	187 16 9	—	187 16 9
30 0 0	37 32 9	—	713 16 0	760 16 3	—	796 14 3
—	—	161 10 5	776 30 0	626 5 6	60 39 1	699 12 7
—	—	—	312 0 0	312 0 0	—	312 0 0
—	—	79 2 10	739 0 0	765 3 10	56 17 9	821 6 7
371 0 8	503 12 9	213 8 5	3,719 4 5	4,396 12 11	193 9 2	4,590 2 1

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APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS

Dr.

CHARGE.

NAME OF ENDOWMENT.	Credit Balance, December 31, 1899.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, December 31, 1899.	Total.
		Rents.	Dividends.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Donagh Royal School, . . .	—	81 1 11	—	—	81 1 11	162 4 34	162 5 14
*Charter Royal School, . . .	45 2 5	135 11 8	56 9 6	—	192 0 4	—	237 0 12
Athlone Private School, . . .	2 8 2	—	4 18 4	—	4 18 4	—	6 25 6
Baskin Endowment, Kylescott, . . .	55 11 8	—	34 2 8	0 9 5	16 13 2	—	70 8 7
Leasey Endowment, Limerick, . . .	55 13 6	—	241 7 0	0 10 4	241 17 4	—	296 9 9
Greene School, Navan, . . .	284 5 2	—	305 10 10	100 12 54	390 12 14	—	674 15 04
Trenton, Queen's County, Endowment, .	180 2 04	—	64 11 2	100 12 64	264 5 54	—	444 7 9
Vicount Limerick Endowment, Bandon, .	55 13 10	45 5 4	5 30 2	—	50 12 2	—	105 7 1
Mouth and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund, .	50 6 8	—	10 17 8	5 19 6	15 15 6	—	119 2 1
Longkiss and Overy do., . . .	30 27 8	—	30 5 6	—	30 5 6	—	43 1 8
Limerick do., . . .	146 7 7	90 0 0	1 10 0	1 5 6	25 1 6	—	162 10 1
Trenton, do., do., . . .	91 5 4	—	24 7 18	0 10 0	24 6 18	—	115 15 5
Totals, . . .	1,025 16 96	593 12 11	603 11 2	492 12 4	1,675 0 0	162 8 34	2,337 1 0

* From September 20, 1899, to September 20, 1900.

† The sums of £303 9s. 9d. and £398 9s. 14d. are, respectively, seven-twelfths and five-twelfths of the net income of the Trenton Endowment. The gross income of the Endowment was £502 12s. 9d. in sequence, including £100 12s. 14d. payable to the King's Hospital, Westminster, was £392 10s. 14d., leaving £110 12s. 14d. for distribution as above.

No. IV.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER, 1899.

NAME OF TOWNSHIP.	Amount, 1898.	Year's Rent, 1899.	Amount, 1899.	Abatement.	Amount Due, 1899.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh, . . .	128 15 14	1,171 9 64	1,250 15 6	—	79 2 1
Fermanagh, . . .	364 3 30	1,791 1 0	1,825 9 21	1 0 5	1,824 18 6
Tyrone, . . .	2,225 12 26	1,806 15 114	1,845 7 3	35 10 3	1,809 1 5
Charlton, . . .	25 1 4	128 14 12	132 2 10	—	21 12 2
Cappagh, . . .	400 19 4	702 5 0	738 8 4	—	909 16 8
Donagh, . . .	201	429 10 2	429 10 2	—	501
Totals, . . .	2,711 9 7	5,788 20 7	5,404 13 96	35 10 8	2,327 0 0

* Balance of £200 12s. 14d. carried forward to the Order of the Commissioners, July 12, 1899.

† Balance of £14 12s. 14d. carried forward to the Order of the Commissioners.

ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE—(continued).

AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

DISCHARGE

Ca.

Debit Balance, December 31, 1899.	EXPENDITURE.							Credit Balance, December, 1900.	Total.
	On Estimate, &c.		Educational.		Total on Estimate, &c.	Total Educational.	Total Ex- penditure.		
	Repts. &c.	Other Expenditure	Salaries.	Food Local Contributions.					
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
85 9 06	12 5 4	107 12 4	—	—	1129 7 8	—	120 7 8	—	302 8 14
—	5 8 8	32 16 8	—	115 4 4	45 22 11	115 4 4	127 4 2	52 12 8	221 5 12
—	—	—	—	4 12 4	—	4 12 4	4 12 4	2 3 2	6 15 8
—	2 5 8	—	—	—	6 3 9	—	6 3 9	65 13 10	76 4 7
—	40 6 8	6 19 8	144 12 8	104 12 5	46 12 6	361 15 1	269 5 7	64 5 2	386 5 9
—	—	—	—	262 2 9	—	262 2 9	262 2 9	272 15 04	524 15 04
—	—	—	—	262 12 8	—	262 12 8	267 12 8	222 8 1	490 7 9
—	—	—	—	32 33 10	—	32 33 10	32 33 10	32 33 3	165 7 1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130 3 1	130 3 1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49 1 6	49 1 6
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102 13 1	102 13 1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	217 12 8	217 12 8
42 6 04	60 12 10	242 4 0	44 15 8	229 7 4	229 3 10	1,094 8 0	1,267 9 10	1,462 18 25	5,452 1 6

† Including 286 lbs. 6d. retinue salary of late Head Master.

‡ Provision for pensioned teachers of Leamy's Free School.

No. V.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS' ACCOUNTS, MAY, 1899, TO MAY, 1900.

Name of Estate.	Balance, 1899.	Receipts, 1899.	Total.	Disbursements, 1899.	Refund, 1899.	Balance, 1900.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armsagh,	94 5 1	1,226 7 10	1,226 11 11	278 8 04	1,866 8 0	18 8 106
Foranagh,	294 11 7	1,260 14 14	1,554 5 04	427 8 04	1,931 4 8	195 12 10
Tyrone,	120 12 14	1,935 14 7	2,056 6 24	423 4 11	1,260 8 0	113 1 04
Corryford,	270	— 00 0 10	122 3 10	42 12 11	86 3 13	270
Cappaloughlin, . .	390 12 1	67 13 04	1,270 12 74	127 7 4	568 0 8	222 3 14
Blunaghen,	125 2 04	172 15 5	347 15 84	*129 2 7	30 0 0	142 14 14
Armagh,	227 8 12	6,278 6 7	7,043 16 8	1,412 5 3	4,661 5 4	694 13 11
Totals.						

* Including 286 lbs. 6d. retinue salary of late Head Master.

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APPENDIX B.—ACCOUNTS.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

April 2nd, 1901.

Sir,

Herewith I return you, duly audited and certified, the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1900, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885.

A copy of my report on the Audit, to the Local Government Board for Ireland, is also enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. MATHEW, Auditor.

To N. D. MURPHY, Esq., Secretary,

The Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

COPY.

No. 15670 : 1901

Local Government Board, Dublin,

2nd April, 1901.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report for the information of the Local Government Board that I have audited, and certified as correct, the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended 31st December, 1900, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, and I enclose herewith a copy of the Accounts mentioned.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for Audit in the usual satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. MATHEW, Auditor.

To the Local Government Board,

Custom House Dublin.

INSPECTION, 1899-1900.

I.—GENERAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

With regard to the INSPECTION for the year 1899-1900 of the SCHOOLS selected by the Local Boards of Education to share in the

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

As Inspector appointed by the Lord Lieutenant under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1835, I made my usual Annual Inspection of the above Schools during the months of September and October, 1900.

There are still ten Schools—one under the management and control of each Local Board of Education. Eight of the Schools are for male pupils only, the two remaining Schools, namely, Raphoe Royal School and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, being Mixed Schools, at which both male and female pupils are received and educated. The last-mentioned School is a purely Day School, the remainder are Mixed Boarding and Day Schools.

The following Table indicates the accommodation afforded by each of the Schools for Boarders and Day Pupils, and shows the number of Pupils on the School Rolls, distinguishing between Boarders and Day Pupils, and also between Boys and Girls.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Pupils which the School can accommodate.			No. of Pupils on the School Roll, 1899-1900.					
				Boarders.		Day Pupils.		Total.	
	Boards.	Day Pupils.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		
Royal School, Armagh,	100	100	200	29	—	26	—	55	
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	50	22	72	34	—	10	—	44	
Royal School, Cavan,	45	40	85	14	—	18	—	32	
St. Patrick's College, Cavan,	100	100	200	41	—	15	—	56	
Royal School, Raphoe,	40	120	160	5	5	33	31	65	
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	6	70	76	5	—	44	—	50	
Royal School, Baniskillen,	90	150	240	75	—	27	—	102	
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan,	70	30	100	44	—	1	—	47	
Royal School, Dungannon,	40	100	140	20	—	35	—	55	
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	—	100	100	—	—	48	24	72	
Totals,	541	832	1,373	281	5	207	45	588	

Educational Results.—The following Table distinguishes between Male and Female Pupils, and deals with the numbers of pupils at the Schools during the School year, the numbers of the competitors from the Schools at the Intermediate Examinations, 1900, and the numbers of the successful candidates.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Pupils on Roll.		Number who competed at Intermediate Examinations.		Number who passed.		Number who passed in the qualifying subjects.		Percentage of those.
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Royal School, Armagh,	55	—	21	—	17	—	10	—	81%
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	44	—	16	—	14	—	14	—	100%
Royal School, Cavan,	32	—	13	—	12	—	8	—	92%
St. Patrick's College, Cavan,	56	—	23	—	19	—	13	—	84%
Royal School, Raphoe,	39	26	14	17	7	12	4	2	61%
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	50	—	20	—	16	—	15	—	80%
Royal School, Baniskillen,	102	—	58	—	28	—	24	—	48%
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan,	47	—	35	—	26	—	16	—	74%
Royal School, Dungannon,	55	—	24	—	21	—	15	—	57%
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	48	24	37	20	18	13	12	5	54%
Totals of each sex,	588	50	261	37	180	25	151	7	
Totals,	588		298		206		158		

The following Table gives the Educational Results from another point of view, namely, distinguishing between Boarders and Day Pupils.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Number on Roll.		Number who appeared.		Number who passed.		Number who passed in qualifying subjects.	
	Boarders.	Day Pupils.	Boarders.	Day Pupils.	Boarders.	Day Pupils.	Boarders.	Day Pupils.
Royal School, Armagh.	29	26	19	9	10	7	7	3
St. Patrick's College, Armagh.	34	10	13	3	13	3	12	2
Royal School, Cavan.	14	18	8	5	7	5	4	4
St. Patrick's College, Cavan.	41	15	18	5	15	4	11	2
Royal School, Raphoe.	11	54	7	24	6	15	5	3
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenney.	6	44	5	13	5	11	5	10
Royal School, Renskillen.	75	27	39	19	23	5	19	5
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.	46	1	34	1	25	1	15	1
Royal School, Dungannon.	30	35	4	15	4	17	3	12
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.	—	72	—	57	—	31	—	17
Totals.	288	302	143	155	103	102	79	59

Compared with the previous year, the Tables show a fractional decrease in the total numbers on the Roll. The Boarders have slightly decreased and the Day pupils have increased to almost a similar extent. The falling off, therefore, to which I referred last year, still exists. The number of competitors at the Intermediate Examinations was 218, as against 289 in the previous year, and the number of pupils who passed was 105, being a decrease of 3 on the year 1898-1899. The percentage of efficiency is therefore 63.8, being 3.2 lower than the proportion for the previous year, and 1 per cent. lower than the proportion of efficiency for the whole of Ireland. This decrease in general efficiency is mainly due to the retrogression of Portora Royal School and St. Patrick's, Dungannon, the proportion of passes having fallen, in the former by 8 per cent., in the latter by 21 per cent. For the eight remaining Schools the proportion of efficiency was over 82 per cent. It is right to state, however, that the Managers of the Schools above named make it a point to send in for examination backward and dull pupils who have gone fairly through the course for the year, but whose chances of passing may be but small. I do not think, therefore, that such account should be taken of the falling back of these Schools, as it does not necessarily indicate any want of efficiency in the teaching of the pupils.

In my Report of last year, I drew attention to the omission of the School Authorities of St. Patrick's College, Armagh, St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, and St. Patrick's College, Cavan, to have instruction given in Drawing or some branch of Experimental Science. I am glad to report that both at Armagh and Monaghan this defect has been fully remedied. Natural Philosophy is regularly taught in both these Schools, the School Authorities have provided excellent collections of instruments, and in both cases the teaching of the subject, both theoretically and by experiment, is under the care of competent and zealous Masters. At the Royal Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, and Renskillen, and, to a certain extent, at Raphoe and Cavan, Natural Philosophy or Chemistry is taught practically, but I would again draw the attention of the several Boards to the necessity of providing and equipping suitable laboratories, if the teaching of these subjects is to be productive of any good and lasting effect.

With regard to five of the Schools, namely, the two Schools at Armagh, the Royal School, Cavan, St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, and the Royal School, Dungannon, I have to report generally that the Teaching Staff is adequate and suitable, and that I am satisfied as to its efficiency. The course of instruction in the prescribed subjects has been regularly followed according to Time Tables which are generally fair and reasonable, except in the case of Cavan, where the Morning School might with advantage be broken by 10 or 15 minutes recreation, say at 11.15 a.m. In nine of the Schools, not less than twenty pupils were under regular instruction, of whom not less than seven, in each case, passed in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme.

With regard to the remaining Schools, I deem it expedient to make separate Reports.

St. Patrick's College, Cavan.—There still is weakness in Arithmetic and Algebra. Of six pupils who passed generally in the Middle Grade, five failed in Arithmetic, and four in Algebra. These may have been backward boys. Drawing is not taught in this School, and with regard to Physical Science, no regular class seems to have been established, though, as in previous years, Physical Geography was regularly taught. Instruction out of regular School hours was given, in Natural Philosophy, to one or two pupils who were preparing for the Royal University. For the current year, however, the Head Master has established a regular class of Natural Philosophy, but he has no apparatus whatever, and I think the Local Board might consider whether it would not be advisable to expend some of their "Building Fund," pursuant to section 69 of the Scheme, in providing suitable apparatus. Having regard to the fact that some instruction was given in the School in Natural Philosophy, and that Physical Geography was regularly taught, I am of opinion that the requirements in this respect have been observed, but not as fully as the spirit of the Scheme would seem to indicate. In all other respects the conditions of the Scheme have been fulfilled.

Raphoe Royal School.—Only six pupils—four boys and two girls—of this School succeeded in passing in the qualifying subjects prescribed by the Scheme. Moreover, these were the only pupils who passed in Latin out of thirteen who took up that subject and who passed generally. And further, out of the eighteen pupils who passed generally in the Middle and Junior Grades, only four passed in Algebra. As the result of my inspection, I am compelled to report that neither Latin nor Algebra can have been taught in a satisfactory manner. Having said so much, it is right for me to report that the course of the shortcomings of the School in those respects have been removed. The Assistant Classical Master has left the School, and his place has

been taken by Mr. Hunter whose qualifications are extremely high. An addition has also been made to the Male Teaching Staff in the person of Mr. Mear, while, on the girls' side of the School, Miss Devenish has been succeeded by Miss Simpson, M.A., Glasgow University. It must also be borne in mind that the Headmaster, while endeavoring to comply with the provisions of the Scheme as to the subjects to be taught, has not only to provide for the large number of pupils who require practically a Commercial Education, but, in addition, to take up and prepare for Matriculation a number of pupils who admittedly would have gone through the Middle Grade Course, as well as Senior Grade pupils preparing for some University Examination; and in this connection it is right that it should be known that, quite recently, two of Mr. Bain's pupils passed the Matriculation and two the First Arts Examination of the Royal University, all direct from Raphoe Royal School. Having regard to all circumstances, I have a strong belief that the School, which in all other respects has fulfilled the requirements of the Scheme, is likely to recover its position in these matters with respect to which a failure has taken place.

St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny.—The Intermediate record of this School is good, though not quite so satisfactory as that of last year. Efficient instruction in the ordinary Intermediate subjects was regularly afforded to the whole School. The School has done very good work generally, and so far as numbers, teaching, and Examination results are concerned, it has fully complied with the requirements of the Scheme. I have, however, to call attention to three points. Except that one pupil was instructed during School hours in the book course of Natural Philosophy for Royal University Matriculation, no regular course of teaching in that subject, or in Chemistry, was given to any of the classes. Physical Geography, however, was regularly taught as part of the ordinary Geography course. In the next place, a regular course of instruction in Celtic, which is an optional subject, has been introduced. Last year the teaching was confined to the Preparatory Grade, but it has been extended this year to the entire School. I fully recognise the value of this difficult language as an instrument of education, and I quite appreciate the laudable effort of the Local Board to provide regular teaching in a language which is the vernacular for a considerable proportion of the inhabitants of the County Donegal, but it would seem to me that, so far as the two lower classes are concerned, the time given to Celtic, namely, half an hour every day, might be more profitably employed for extra teaching in mathematical subjects, in which the pupils coming to St. Eunan's are invariably weak. The third point is that there is no break in Morning School, which consists of three solid hours' work. I called attention to this last year, and I cannot but think that the mental, no less than the physical, development of the pupils would be much served by a short interval of recreation being given during Morning School. Taken as a whole, there has been a compliance by St. Eunan's Seminary with the conditions of the Scheme; but, in my opinion, the spirit of the Scheme, as well as the principles of sound education, require that changes and improvements should be made in the directions I have indicated.

Portora Royal School, Enniskillen.—The Junior Grade Intermediate Record is very disappointing. Out of 25 competitors, only ten passed, and four of these obtained but indifferent marks. All the pupils got the same advantages of the good teaching that is given in this School, and no explanation of the failure has been given to me. I think it probable, however, that they may, to a considerable extent, be accounted for by the circumstance to which I drew attention last year, namely, the crowding together into one room—the Study-hall, of four classes, each under its own Master, and doing different work, at the same time.

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.—This School and Portora, while providing little more than one-third of the number of Competitors at the Intermediate Examinations from the Schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments, are responsible, between them, for 36 out of the total of 93 failures. Of 37 boys of St. Patrick's who competed, only 18 passed. Out of 20 girls only 13 passed.

In my opinion, the main cause of the failure on the girls' side is the want of class-room accommodation, to which I have more than once referred. The new School is, however, being proceeded with rapidly, and it is hoped that before the close of the current School year the new Schoolhouse will be available. With regard to the boys, a number of the failures appears to be due to the fact that many of the competitors who failed were Junior Grade boys who had had but one year's Intermediate Education. Having regard to the circumstances that the School is rapidly increasing in numbers, and that the annual income of the Local Board has been somewhat recently increased by £350, I think the employment of an additional Master, mainly to assist Father Ward in Ancient Classics and English, will much improve the position of the Boys' Department. And so I understand one of the present staff is about to sever his connection with the Academy, in appointing his successor the opportunity might be seized of selecting a person who, in addition to his other requirements, would be qualified to divide the work of teaching Mathematics with the existing teacher, of that subject.

This School, however, has done good work, and has undoubtedly qualified under the Scheme to receive a share of the Tyrone Endowment.

The condition of the School premises is satisfactory on the whole.

At Anagh considerable improvements have been made, and further extensive sanitary improvements and plumbing work will be carried out as soon as possible.

At Cavan a complete sanitary, drainage, and hot and cold water system is in process of being set up, subject to the approval of the Engineer of the Dublin Sanitary Association.

The buildings at Raphoe Royal School are well maintained, and the question of adding to the Female Boarding Department at Foster House, to meet the growing requirements of the School, is under consideration.

The general condition of Portora is good. Rainwater still finds its way through defective roofing over the front of the house. I have already drawn attention to the want of class-room accommodation, and I think this defect may to some extent be remedied by dividing into two a fairly large classroom underneath the study hall.

I have no remark to make on Dungannon Royal School.

An additional wing has been added to St. Macarten's Seminary. The new building provides a spacious recreation and reading-room on the ground floor, and a well-equipped study hall, library, and Physical Science class-room on the upper floor.

Save that an additional class-room has been provided at St. Patrick's College, Armagh, I have no remark to make on the Roman Catholic Schools at Armagh and Cavan.

New and more suitable School premises at Letterkenny are much needed. It is to the credit of the Teaching staff of St. Ranan's Seminary that they are able to do such good work in the existing School.

I have already referred to the new buildings for St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.

Free Places.—Each Local Board has duly complied with the requirements of the Scheme in offering Free Places for competition.

I have only to repeat with emphasis my remarks of last year as to the expediency of giving at least one Free House Scholarship in each Boarding School, as the reward of success in the competitions.

To sum up, I beg to report that six of the Schools have fully qualified under the Scheme, and that, of the remainder, three, namely, St. Ranan's Seminary, Letterkenny, Portora Royal School, and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, have qualified, but that serious attention should be given to the shortcomings I have pointed out in reference to each, respectively, and that the tenth School, viz., Raphoe Royal School has not fulfilled the conditions required by the Scheme, but that I have strong reason to believe that the defects of the past year have been remedied, and will be proved, during the current year, to have been made good.

N. D. MURPHY,

Secretary.

October 22, 1900.

INSPECTION.

Ia. DETAILED REPORTS OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S INSPECTOR.

SCHOOLS No. 31.—Ulster Royal School Endowments.

I.—*Armagh Protestant Board of Education.*

Save in one respect, the provisions of the Scheme appear to have been duly observed. Only three meetings of the Board were held, and no meeting was held between August 1, 1899, and January 27, 1900. Over £147 has been spent by the Board in repairs to the School, and, in addition, the Local Board have distributed between the Protestant Local Boards of Cavan and Donegal, the residue, after providing for administrative expenses, of the moneys received by them from the Armagh Royal School Endowment in respect of the year 1897-98, during which year the School failed to qualify.

The competition for Free Places still fails to attract candidates. In my opinion this state of things is likely to continue until the Local Board is in a position to offer free boarding as well as teaching to, at least, one of the successful candidates.

Royal School, Armagh.

The prosperity of this School continues to increase. There were 53 pupils in attendance—an increase of nine over the previous year. At least 38 were "Intermediate Pupils," as defined by the Scheme, and, in addition, there were ten pupils in the Lower Third Form who were doing Intermediate work, but who were under twelve years of age. Of 31 pupils presented at the Intermediate Examinations in June, 1900, 17 passed, and 10 passed in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme. Instruction was regularly given in the prescribed subjects by the same efficient staff as in the previous year, including Drawing and Chemistry, and, in addition, the boys' music lessons were conducted under the care of Mr. T. O. Marks, Mus. D.

The tone, discipline, and spirit of the School are good. The premises are, on the whole, in good order, and I am informed that the various improvements and repairs which have recently been recommended by the Board of Works Surveyor, will be taken in hand as soon as possible, including the removal and reconstruction of the water-closet to which I called attention last year. The School has fully complied with the requirements of the Scheme.

N. D. MUNFEE.

September 28, 1900.

II.—*Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The members of the Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education attend to their duties with commendable regularity. I observe that the question of taking another "qualified" school into connection with the Board was discussed, but no result arrived at. But I should like to suggest that, before going ahead to expend the surplus income (over £2000), St. Patrick's College has several claims—notably, the establishment of a Free Place as a Boarder, to which I have drawn attention in my Report on the College.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh, possesses the satisfactory record of having passed all the pupils who were sent to it from that School to the Intermediate Examinations in June, 1900. The numbers were—one pupil in the Senior Grade, seven in the Middle Grade, seven in the Junior Grade, and one in the Preparatory Grade. And this is the more remarkable as there were not more than 23 pupils who, by age and capacity, were qualified for the competition. There were 46 pupils at the College during the school year, so that nearly half of the pupils were disqualified to compete by age, either absolutely, or in the Grade which was asked to their mental capacity.

It is much to be regretted that parents neglect to send their children to Armagh at proper school-going age. One probable cause of this has already been noted by me in a former Report—namely, the difficulty of getting promising boys from National Schools until they have gone through all the Primary School course. Again, a difficulty in the obtaining of pupils may result from the circumstance that, previous to last year, the School course was practically confined to "Classics" and "Mathematics," and may not have suited boys who were destined for a commercial or industrial life. But, whatever be the cause, the numbers in attendance at St. Patrick's College are decreasing.

Last year an extended and very satisfactory course of Natural Philosophy was added to the School curriculum, and I am glad to report that the subject is in the hands of an excellent teacher—Father Gavin—and that the Local Board has supplied a very fully equipped Physical Science Cabinet for the purposes of experiment and demonstration. This expansion of the curriculum, together with the teaching of Book-keeping, which is already part of the regular School course, may attract more pupils. But I would again press upon the Local Board the expediency of establishing at least one Free Place as a Boarder in St. Patrick's. Last year but one candidate came up to compete for two Free Places for Day Pupils, and I see no reason why the competition amongst candidates, from all parts of the County Armagh, for a Free Place as a Boarder in St. Patrick's College, should not be as keen as it has been in the Fermanagh School District for similar Free Places in St. Macartin's Seminary.

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Instruction was regularly given in the prescribed subjects to, at least, twenty pupils within the prescribed ages, as well as to all the other pupils of the College, without difference or distinction. Fourteen pupils within the prescribed ages passed in the prescribed subjects at the Intermediate Examinations.

The premises are in good order generally. Some sanitary improvements were recently made, and as I understand that somewhat extensive changes in this respect are contemplated, it would be well, at the same time, to bring the whole drainage and sanitary systems of the house up to the level of modern requirements.

In all respects, St. Patrick's College has complied with the requirements of the Scheme.

N. D. MURPHY.

October 1, 1900.

III.—*Cavan Protestant Board of Education.*

Notwithstanding the regretted illness of the Hon. Secretary, Canon McCausland, the Local Board seems to have discharged its duties in a satisfactory manner. The Board received a windfall of £220 4s. from the Armagh Protestant Board, being part of the income of that Board for the year 1898, which could not be applied in the Armagh District owing to the disqualification of Armagh Royal School during that year. The Cavan Board show much prudence in devoting this money to the payment of the cost of the new sanitary and drainage works executed at the School.

Royal School, Cavan.

This School is holding its position in point of numbers, but the educational record, as tested by the Intermediate Examinations, is not so good as in previous years. Of fourteen pupils who were presented, twelve passed, and while there is no fault to be found with Preparatory and Junior Grade results, there was almost complete failure in Arithmetic and Algebra in the Middle Grade. The one Senior Grade boy who entered passed the Examinations generally, but failed in Arithmetic and Algebra. As, however, he met with a severe accident a few months before the Examinations, every allowance must be made for him. At least twenty-three pupils were Intermediate students within the meaning of the Scheme, and I have satisfied myself that they were all regularly instructed in the prescribed subjects. At the same time, I think the Drawing and Natural Philosophy should be submitted to the test of the Intermediate Examinations, in every case where these subjects are taken in lieu of Greek. It gives me much pleasure to report that a very complete drainage, sanitary, and water system has been introduced into the School, and that it was approaching completion at the date of my visit. When this work is completed, the buildings and premises will leave little to be desired.

The Free Place Examination was practically a failure. Only one pupil presented himself, and his answering was so poor that he could not be accepted.

Cavan Royal School has complied with the requirements of the Scheme.

N. D. MURPHY.

October 10, 1900.

IV.—*Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education appears generally to have discharged its duties under the Scheme. The Spring and Summer Meetings of the Board, however, should be held with an interval of not more than three months between them. I think that the Local Board, or the School Committee, should arrange for the weekly half holiday at St. Patrick's College being taken on Wednesday or Thursday, instead of Saturday. I called attention to this in my last Report.

St. Patrick's College, Cavan.

The numbers at St. Patrick's College were slightly less last year than in 1898-99. The educational results, as tested by the Intermediate Examinations are, on the whole, satisfactory, but there is still considerable weakness in Arithmetic and Algebra—notably in the Middle Grade. Twenty-three pupils entered for these examinations, 19 passed generally, and 13 in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme. The remainder of the pupils were either backward boys who had been sent to school late, or pupils who had either passed or were too old for the Senior Grade. The teaching, generally, was satisfactory, but more attention should be given to Arithmetic and Algebra. The defect as to the teaching of Physical Science, to which I drew attention in my last Report, can scarcely be said to have been fully remedied during the past year. A Natural Philosophy Class was held in book-work alone, but not during the regular school hours.

During the current year, however, this subject has been introduced into the regular Time Table. But Father McGarran has been provided with no instruments or apparatus, and without these aids the teaching cannot be satisfactory. I think the Cavan Roman Catholic Board should strive to emulate the successful efforts made by the Roman Catholic Boards of Armagh and Fermanagh, by suitably equipping a Physical Laboratory at Cullinstown College, and should at once apply, for this purpose, a sufficient portion of the large "Building Fund" belonging to them. Section 69 of the Scheme appears to fully empower them to make such an application of the fund.

I have no criticism to make on the general condition of the School Buildings and premises.

The College has, generally, fulfilled the conditions required by the Scheme, but I think the Free Place Examination should be held, as directed by the Commissioners of Education, either by a neighbouring Head Master, or by the National School Inspector of the District. I understand, however, that the employment of the College Staff for this purpose last year was rendered necessary by the inability, at the last moment, of the duly-appointed Examiner to attend.

October, 10, 1900.

N. D. MURPHY.

V.—*Donegal Protestant Board of Education.*

The Donegal Protestant Board show great interest in the welfare of Raphoe Royal School, and stand well to their duties. Their business is conducted in an orderly manner, and the books are, as usual, admirably kept. Two members, however, failed to attend any meeting during the year, and although these gentlemen live at some distance, it would not appear to be too great a hardship for them to attend at least once during their year of office.

Raphoe School, Raphoe.

I am sorry to have to report the unsatisfactory condition of this School during the year 1899-1900. Only six pupils—2 girls and 4 boys—passed in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme. These were also the only pupils who passed in Latin, out of 18 pupils who took up that subject, and who passed, generally, the Intermediate Examinations. Moreover, only 5 pupils passed in Algebra, out of 17 who took up that subject, and who passed generally. The result of my inspection confirms the conclusion to which an analysis of the Intermediate marks had led me, namely that neither Latin nor Algebra were properly taught. Illness in Mr. Bain's family had, no doubt, a good deal to do with the shortcomings of the School, but the main causes of failure are not far to seek. Raphoe Royal School may be considered as divided into three departments, namely—(a) a Higher Intermediate and University School; (b) an Intermediate School proper, and (c) a Commercial School. In the first and third departments the School is undoubtedly successful, and well serves the needs of the great majority of the pupils. Nearly all Mr. Bain's University pupils passed their respective Examinations with credit. But the School, so far as the Scheme is concerned, consists only of pupils whose main school business is a commercial education, and the purely Intermediate pupils. And an examination of the Intermediate marks of the 16 Junior Grade pupils who passed, out of a total of 19 from the School, indicates successful teaching in the following commercial subjects—French, Commercial French, German, Commercial German, Spanish, and Shorthand. Against these successes, the failures in Latin and Algebra come out in relief, and plainly show that these two subjects receive but scant attention, as having little to do with commercial education. Apart from the Scheme, I would wholly approve of the School being conducted on lines that suit the majority of the pupils who resort thereto. But if Raphoe Royal School is to receive benefit from the Raphoe Royal School Endowment it must be conducted as an Intermediate School, at least so far as may be necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Scheme. The Local Board and the Head Master are alive to this fact, and I have pleasure in reporting that steps have been taken, including the appointment of a highly qualified Classical Assistant Master, which will, no doubt, during the current year, make good the defects in teaching which disqualified the School last year.

The buildings are, on the whole, in good condition, but there are one or two matters to which the Board of Works Surveyor called attention, which will have to be looked after.

The Boarding Departments, both male and female, are steadily growing, so much so that the Local Board will have to consider the question of increased accommodation in Foster-avenue, the Female Boarding Establishment.

The House Scholarships recently established are attracting marked attention, thereby bringing into unfavourable contrast the want of keenness in the competition for the Free Places under Section 59 of the Scheme, as well as the poor quality of the competitors. Only two candidates appeared at the Examination for two Free Places, and only one of these was adjudged worthy of being admitted.

October 6, 1900.

N. D. MURPHY.

VI.—*Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

In one particular, the provisions of the Scheme have not been carried into effect. No meeting was held between September 26, 1899, and February 14, 1900—a period of four and-a-half months. I drew attention to a similar omission last year. Some as above, the Local Board appear to have attended well to their duties, and to have observed the rules governing their procedure.

St. Ronan's Seminary, Letterkenny.

The number of pupils at St. Ronan's Seminary during the past year, was 30, being 8 less than during the previous year, and seems to be still on the decrease. I cannot but think that a probable cause of this continued decrease may be the practically Grammar School character

of the course of education, which, while it well serves the educational prospects of the great majority of the pupils, may not be so well suited to those pupils who are destined for commercial life. Of the efficiency of the instruction given in the School I have only to speak in terms of praise, and though I have again to point out a weakness in Mathematical subjects, the best possible seems to have been done with the poor and backward material on which the painstaking Mathematical Master had to work. In this connection I may mention that, of some dozen pupils from National Schools who were examined for Free Places, there were ten who totally failed in a by no means difficult Algebra paper, while the answering in Arithmetic was but poor.

The School is still weighted by the presence of a large number of pupils—no less than 30—whose age is considerably in advance of their mental capacity and condition of educational advancement. At least a dozen of these pupils were over sixteen years of age. The remainder of the pupils—20 in number—were presented at the last Intermediate Examinations. Sixteen passed generally, and 15 in the severer courses prescribed by the Scheme. Having regard to all circumstances, the Seminary has done good work, and, so far, has amply fulfilled the conditions of the Scheme.

There are three points, however, to be considered specially and seriously:—

Last year I drew attention to the absence from the Time Table of a regular and distinct course of Natural Philosophy. No more whatsoever appears to have been made to remedy this defect, so far as the school classes were concerned. One pupil was regularly taught by Mr. Magner; but he was being prepared for the Royal University, and was not doing the regular Intermediate work of the School. On the other hand, a regular course of Celtic is given—half-an-hour every day—in which substantially all the School take part. I quite appreciate the value, educationally, of a difficult language such as Celtic, and I have no fault to find with introduction into the School curriculum, when this can be done without injury to the teaching of necessary subjects. But I have to point out that, under the Scheme, Celtic is a purely optional subject; whereas, Drawing not being taught, Natural Philosophy is compulsory, if the Seminary is to enjoy the benefit of the Raphee Royal School Endowment. Physical Geography, no doubt, is taught, but only as part of the ordinary course of Geography, and not as a separate subject; and while I cannot say that Physical Science is not taught in the School, to some extent, at all events, I have to repeat emphatically, my opinion that a full compliance with the letter, as well as with the spirit of the Scheme, requires that a distinct and regular course, either of Drawing or of Natural Philosophy, be taken by at least one class.

Next, with regard to Celtic. In the County Donegal, where Irish is, to a considerable extent, the vernacular, the scientific teaching of that language is, no doubt, most useful, and in some cases necessary. But it appears to me that, at St. Donan's, as regards the two lower classes certainly, the time given to Celtic might be more usefully, and from every point of view, more profitably devoted to teaching in some of those subjects, such as Arithmetic and Algebra, where the pupils are so backward.

The third matter to which I would draw attention is the want of a break for recreation in Morning School. I drew attention to this last year, and the explanation given to me of no change having been made is that the playground is too far away for a short period of recreation, and that if the boys were sent out into the town, it would be difficult to get them back again. This at once brings up the serious question of whether the School premises are suitable for an efficient Intermediate School. I think they are only just sufficient. I cannot say they are unsuitable, because the recreation difficulty is one that should be easily got over, independently of the premises. But I am quite clear, that if a good and efficient and flourishing School is to be continued in Letterkenny under the Royal Schools Scheme, suitable and suitably situated premises should at once be acquired, or a new School built on the splendid site which has been obtained for the purpose.

N. D. MURPHY.

October 6, 1900.

VII. *Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.*

The Local Board have discharged their duties under the Scheme in an exemplary manner.

Portora Royal School.

The Intermediate record of this School is not as good as in previous years. Out of 75 Intermediate pupils, 58 were sent in for the examinations—a very fair proportion. But only 58 passed, the failures in the Junior Grade alone being 18. In other words, the percentage of passes was 48, as against 68 per cent. for the whole of Ireland. I can discover no cause for this falling off, unless it be that which I have already called attention to—namely, the great disadvantage, to both masters and pupils, of having four full classes in operation at the same time in the study hall. The course of instruction was much the same as in previous years and included all the prescribed subjects. Of the Time Table of Studies, which is as complete as Dr. Biggs' skill and long experience can make it, I have but two remarks to make. There is no break whatever in morning school. With full deference to the Head Master's authority and position in matters educational, I cannot but think that three hours is too long a period to keep young minds on the stretch. In the second place, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry are taken out of ordinary school hours, namely, from 7 to 9 in the evening, and out of the whole school but ten pupils attended these classes. I do not think, therefore, these subjects can be said to be regularly taught within the meaning of the Scheme. But, as Drawing is regularly taught during school hours, Experimental Science would not appear to be compulsory, and although I should

Nke to see this branch of education taking its regular place in the curriculum, I not only have no right to insist on the subject being regularly taught, but I have no desire to speak otherwise than in terms of commendation of the action of the School Authorities in affording facilities for the study of this subject, to those who desire to take it up.

Taken as a whole, the buildings are in good condition. Some structural repairs, however, are very necessary to keep out damp, which is persistently appearing in certain places. As to the necessity for further class-room accommodation, I have only to repeat, with emphasis, my remarks of last year. The want can, I think, be partially met, by dividing into two a large classroom underneath the study hall.

Pecton Royal School has, in all respects, complied with the requirements of the Scheme.

N. D. MURPHY.

October 10, 1900.

VIII.—*Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

I have no remark to make on the manner in which the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board discharge their duties, save to state that the provisions of the Scheme have been observed by them in every respect.

St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.

St. Macarten's Seminary is well holding its position as a flourishing and successful School. There is a slight increase in the numbers in attendance. Thirty-five pupils were presented at the Intermediate Examinations in June, 1900, and twenty-six passed; sixteen passing in the severer course prescribed by the Scheme. There is a decided and gratifying improvement in Mathematics, and although there was weakness in the Junior Grade in both Latin and Greek, I ascertained that the failures in those subjects occurred with students who commenced their studies in that grade, and who had had but one year's instruction. All the necessary subjects prescribed by the Scheme were regularly taught, and in this connection I am glad to report that large facilities have been afforded for the practical teaching of Natural Philosophy, and that this subject was regularly taught, accompanied by demonstration and experiment, and that it is now in the hands of a master who is highly qualified, and who takes a very keen interest in this subject.

The School premises are in very good order and condition. The new buildings which were in course of erection in 1899 have been completed, and form a handsome addition to the Seminary.

The condition of the student's bedrooms still leaves something to be desired in the matter of order and neatness, and I would suggest the introduction of chests-of-drawers—one for each pupil—and the banishment to the trunk room of pupils' trunks and portmanteaux.

The Free Place Examination is as popular as ever, and the competition as keen. The four free places were awarded—all the candidates having obtained qualifying marks.

The Seminary has fully complied with the requirements of the Scheme.

N. D. MURPHY.

September 28, 1900.

IX.—*Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.*

The Local Board has discharged its duties under the Scheme in every particular. I understand that the question of establishing Free Home Scholarships is under consideration. With its increased income, the Board can now well afford to give these valuable prizes, and I am quite satisfied that the institution of Free Places of this character will be attended with good results.

Royal School, Dungannon.

This School maintains its position. The number of pupils is again increasing, though it is still a good deal below the point it had reached two years since. The Intermediate record is on the whole satisfactory. Out of thirty-four pupils within Intermediate age and doing Intermediate work, twenty-four were examined and twenty-one passed generally—fifteen passing in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme. Of the remaining thirty-one pupils, seventeen were under 15 years of age, two were too old for Intermediate work, and the greater part of the remainder were preparing for University Examinations. Mr. Bingham's Chemistry Class did well, but the difficulty as to giving sufficient time for Natural Philosophy in connection with the Science and Art Department still exists.

The condition of the School buildings calls for little comment. A dilapidated window at the end of the principal dormitory requires looking after, and I noticed some spots of damp in the second dormitory. Recreation and games are well looked after; as a consequence the boys looked healthy and vigorous. I have again to call the attention of the Local Board to the expediency of properly equipping the Chemical Laboratory. The School has, in all respects, fulfilled the requirements of the Scheme.

N. D. MURPHY.

September 27, 1900.

X.—*Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The representatives of the Diocese of Derry still keep aloof from the meetings of the Board. The other members appear to attend well to their duties. I would wish to impress on this, the richest of all the Local Boards, the advantage—almost the necessity—of spending their money freely in the employment and payment of a sufficient number of teachers. Five teachers are not enough, in my opinion, for St. Patrick's Academy, consisting, as it does, of two departments, each with four distinct classes. I would also recommend that a full course of Drawing, both Geometrical and Freehand, be given to both boys and girls.

22. *Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.*

It is satisfactory to note the continued increase in the numbers of the pupils resorting to this School. Last year there were 48 boys and 24 girls on the roll, the corresponding numbers for 1899 being 35 and 21, and for 1898, 26 and 12. Fifty-seven of the pupils entered for the Intermediate Examinations in June, 1900, and 31 passed: the record is accordingly not so good as that for the previous year, when 52 passed out of 42 presented. The falling-off is mainly on the boys' side, where only 17 passed out of 37 presented, and is due, in my opinion, to two causes—viz., the circumstance that many of the competitors who failed were Junior Grade boys who were sent to school late and who had had but one year's Intermediate education, and the large increase of the number of boys under tuition without a corresponding increase of the teaching staff. The annual income of the Local Board is now ample enough to allow of the employment of an additional master to assist in the teaching of Ancient Classics and English, and I recommend that the services of such a teacher be obtained. I think, also, the work of the present Mathematical master should be divided, seeing that, in both departments of the School, the full number of four Intermediate classes has been established.

The girls' department is still carried on under great disadvantages in the temporary school-house. The new school is, however, in course of erection, and, it is hoped, will be available for use before the end of the school year.

St. Patrick's Academy has complied with the requirements of the Scheme.

September 29, 1900.

N. D. MURPHY.

SCHEME No. III.—PRESTON, QUEEN'S CO., ENDOWMENT.

The members of the Local School Authority appear to have attended well to their duties under the Scheme; and, having regard to all circumstances, to have discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. The course adopted in their dealings with the late Head Master, and with regard to the School, was probably the best. The caution and prudence they exhibited, and the steps taken by them to secure a good Head Master in succession to Mr. Carleton, are much to be commended. The Local School Authority is now appointed on a representative basis, and I think each member may do much for the School, by pushing its interests and looking out for likely pupils in his own locality and amongst his own constituency. The Local Authority has agreed to give Mr. Hampton a fixed minimum salary, together with a share of the Results Fees. This is vague, and I think it would be better for the School generally if it were made certain that the share shall be substantial in character, as under the above arrangement it might only be fractional.

This School has gone through a serious crisis. On the occasion of my previous visit, in June, 1899, there were 47 pupils in attendance, of whom 22 were boarders. Two pupils were then preparing for University work, 28 were Intermediate boys, and the rest were either at elementary work or were under age for Intermediate purposes. At the Intermediate Examinations, 1899, 20 pupils were presented and 9 passed. Differences appear to have arisen between the Head Master, Mr. Carleton, and the Local Authority; and in November, 1899, Mr. Carleton tendered his resignation, which some time subsequently was accepted by the Local Authority, on the understanding that Mr. Carleton would continue as Head Master until after the Intermediate Examinations of 1900. In May, 1900, the number of pupils had dwindled to 21. Eleven of these went up for the Intermediate Examinations and six passed—one creditably, the rest all failing in Latin, and doing but indifferently in other subjects. The year 1899-1900 cannot but be regarded as very damaging to the School.

In the summer of the present year, the Local Authority, acting with great prudence, invited the assistance of Dr. Bernard, F.R.S., in the selection of a new Head Master, and, from a large number of candidates, they appointed Mr. B. J. Hampton, B.A. In August, 1900, the School re-opened with 10 pupils, all Day Boys; Mr. Hampton having associated with him his wife, as Music Mistress, and Mr. John P. Caldwell, as Chemical Assistant.

I visited the School on Friday, October 26th. There were 12 pupils present, one Middle Grade, five Junior, and six Preparatory. I listened to the classwork for the greater part of the school-day. I consider the Local Authority to be very fortunate in securing Mr. Hampton's services; he appears to be in every way an admirable Teacher. Mr. Caldwell is young at his work, but his manner is good, and I think he will do well. The School should recover its position if the quality and character of the teaching given can bring about this result; but it would be, at present, premature to hazard an opinion on this subject.

The School premises are, on the whole, in excellent order; but there is an appearance of damp on one of the walls at the back which demands attention.

In the matter of school equipment the School is fairly well provided; but I think it would be a great advantage if the small collection of Physical Science instruments were increased by the addition of a set of apparatus for illustrating and teaching the Mechanics of Solids.

November 1, 1900.

N. D. MURPHY.

APPENDIX D.

REPORTS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

I.—Armagh Protestant Board of Education.

The Armagh Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ending August 1st, 1900.

The members of the Board during the year have been—

Representing the Armagh Diocesan Synod :—

0. His Grace the Lord Primate.
0. The Very Rev. Augustine Fitzgerald, Dean of Armagh (till his death).
2. The Venerable the Archbishop of Armagh.
0. Asheton St. George, Esq.
3. James H. Stronge, Esq.

Representing the General Assembly :—

3. The Rev. David Miller.
1. The Rev. H. W. Morrow.
2. B. G. McCrum, Esq.

Representing the Methodist Conference :—

3. Joshua E. Peel, Esq.

The numbers prefixed to the names of the members show the numbers of their attendances at meetings of the Board.

It is with great regret that we report the death of our valued colleague, the Very Rev. Augustine Fitzgerald, late Dean of Armagh. The vacancy thus caused has since been filled up by the Armagh Diocesan Council, but not during the period covered by this report.

Meetings were held on January 27th, February 13th, and July 25th, 1900.

Mr. Stronge has continued our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

On February 28th the Lord Primate was re-elected our Chairman. The Rev. David Miller was elected our Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Stronge our Hon. Secretary. Messrs. St. George, Peel, and Stronge were elected our Representatives on the Joint Estates Committee.

The Armagh Royal School has been efficiently maintained during the years 1899-1900. There has been a considerable increase in the numbers, both of Boarders and Day pupils, and we have every reason to anticipate a prosperous future for the School.

The following has been the teaching staff :—

- A. C. MacDonnell, M.A., Head Master
T. E. Lownds, M.A.
F. W. Seymour Halsey.
H. Lownds.

A list of twenty boys who (among others) have received instruction in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme, and have made 100 attendances during the year, was forwarded as usual to the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector.

Twenty-one boys entered for the Intermediate Examination. The following passed :—

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| Monroe. | Moore (test). |
| Thomson. | Haldane. |
| Bell. | Thorp. |
| Gleanny. | Gray, junior. |
| Aldwell. | Bradshaw. |
| Moore. | Peale. |
| Maunsell. | Peel, junior. |
| Peel. | Watson. |
| Gray. | |

The number of Boarders during the summer term was 29, and the number of Day pupils 25.

We have again to report that no candidates entered for the Free Place Examinations, which were advertised in due course.

A sum of money was again placed at the disposal of the Head Master by Mr. B. G. McCrum, which provided a number of prizes which were distributed at the end of the school year.

II. Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Armagh Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their report for the year ending August 1st, 1900.

Four meetings of the Board were held in St. Patrick's College, Armagh, during the year.

The following tabulated form gives the names of the present members of the Board, with the attendance of each member at the meetings during the above period:—

	Oct. 5, 1899.	Dec. 11, 1899.	Feb. 26, 1900.	May 21, 1900.	Total.
His Eminence Cardinal Logan,	1	1	1	1	4
Vary Rev. Canon Coyne,	1	-	-	1	2
Vary Rev. Canon McGarry,	1	-	-	-	1
Rev. Hugh McCloskey,	1	-	1	1	3
Rev. M. B. McCullagh,	1	1	1	1	4
E. Magennis, Esq., M.D., J.P.,	1	-	-	1	2
Wm. Kerr, Esq., M.D., J.P.,	1	1	1	1	4
H. J. McKee, Esq., J.P.,	1	-	-	1	2
Patrick Lavery, Esq.,	1	1	1	1	4

His Eminence the Cardinal Primate, Messrs. E. Magennis, M.D., J.P., and Patrick Lavery were unanimously elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, respectively, for the year 1900.

Vary Rev. Canon Coyne was elected as our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

The Hibernian Bank, Armagh, continues to fill the position of Treasurer to the Board.

Vary Rev. Canon Coyne, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, M.D., J.P., and Patrick Lavery were re-elected Catholic members of the Estates Committee.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh, is the only School adopted by the Board.

The School Committee, appointed in accordance with section 47 of the Scheme, consists of His Eminence Cardinal Logan, Vary Rev. M. Carrigy, C.M., President, St. Patrick's College, Armagh, Rev. Thomas Gavin, C.M., Rev. H. Williams, C.M., and Rev. John Barry, C.M.

An examination for Five Places was held on the 29th day of August, 1899, in conformity with section 59 of the Scheme. Four candidates presented themselves for the examination. Two were successful, viz., John Ward, and George Willis.

Vary Rev. Michael Carrigy, C.M., Rev. Thomas Gavin, C.M., Rev. John Barry, C.M., Rev. J. Downey, C.M., and Thomas Savage, Esq., constitute the teaching staff.

The subjects of instruction given in the School are:—Latin, Greek, English, French, Algebra, Arithmetic, Euclid, Ancient and Modern History, Geography, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, Trigonometry, Shorthand, Book-keeping, and Music.

The subjects of instruction for each class are determined by the Programme of the Intermediate Board for each year.

In the year ended 1st August, 1900, there were 42 pupils in the School, of whom 9 were Senior Grade, 12 were Middle Grade, 19 were Junior Grade, and 2 were Preparatory Grade pupils.

The following is a list of 20 boys who (with others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects and have made over 100 attendances during the past twelve months, with the dates of their births.

No.	Name.	Date of Birth.	No.	Name.	Date of Birth.
1	Gerrard Canham,	27th March, 1885.	11	John McEvoy,	22nd January, 1884.
2	Patrick Connolly,	26th October, 1883.	12	Peter McKee,	24th February, 1888.
3	James Devlin,	25th October, 1882.	13	Hugh McGowan,	21st January, 1884.
4	Michael J. Donnellan,	26th May, 1884.	14	Lawrence P. Harvey,	26th June, 1883.
5	Hugh Gallagher,	7th May, 1885.	15	Patrick Mearns,	26th September, 1885.
6	Patrick Donnelly,	30th January, 1882.	16	H. Tobin,	19th February, 1884.
7	A. P. Hughes,	March, 1883.	17	Arthur Toner,	2nd January, 1881.
8	L. Loftus,	26th May, 1882.	18	John Ward,	24th January, 1895.
9	F. Loyland,	7th February, 1884.	19	George Willis,	18th October, 1888.
10	John MacDonnell,	18th July, 1885.	20	John McAlmurry,	14th May, 1883.

The following passed the Intermediate Examination; their official examination numbers are prefixed to their names:—

Senior Grade,	5,718	A. P. Hughes—retained Jun. Exhib. and £1 Prize.	Junior Grade,	2,015	B. Coughlin.
				2,741	H. Gallagher.
				10,169	F. Leyland.
Middle Grade,	4,707	P. Connolly.		10,178	J. MacDonnell.
"	10,438	J. Davlin.		10,196	J. M'Evoy.
"	4,956	M. Donnellan.		5,858	P. Murray.
"	3,262	H. M'Osann.		4,649	J. Ward.
"	5,338	L. Murray—Jun. Exhib. retained.	Preparatory Grade,	1,472	G. Willis.
"	5,811	H. Toball.			
"	10,548	A. Toner.			

All the accounts of the Board up to 31st December, 1899, have been submitted to the Local Government Board, and duly audited by J. F. Mayne, Esq., Local Government Board Auditor. A correct copy of the last audited account accompanies this report.

Dated this 15th day of October, 1900, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Board.

M. CANON COYNE,
Chairman.

PATRICK LAVNEY,
Honorary Secretary.

THE ACCOUNT OF ARMAH Roman Catholic Board of Education for the Year ended
31st December, 1899.

Dr.					Cr.
CHARGE.		£ s d.	DISBURSE.		£ s d.
To Balance as per last Account,		650 4 13	By Assessed of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1899, under the following heads:—		
— Amount of Miscellaneous Receipts in the year ended 31st December, 1899, viz:—			Salaries,	4250 0 0	
— Amount received from Commissioners of Education,	5302 0 0		Charges to Rev. Secy. in payment of Mr. George Professor of Sacred and Mathematical,	120 0 0	
— Amount of Interest which accrued on Credit Balance in Education Bank and added to current account,	10 12 3		Education Expenses,	26 2 1	
— Amount now in Accounting Officer's hands,	39 15 11½		Prizes,	58 2 0	
		620 5 3½			500 3 7
			Other Payments, viz:—		
			1899—Oct. 4—By Cheque to J. Murphy, Esq., for selling papers for Free Press dissemination,	2 2 0	
			— — — — — Cheque to J. F. Mayne, Esq., for auditing accounts for 1899,	2 2 0	
					4 4 0
			Amount in Accounting Officer's hands at last year's balance were debited by him,		619 3½
			Total Payments,	£	626 7 3½
			Balance per Bank Book,	5302 0 0	
			— — — — — in Accounting Officer's hands,	39 15 11½	
			Balance in favour of the Account on the 31st December, 1899,		619 3½
Total,		1,188 12 4	Total,		£ 1,188 12 4

We certify that the above is a true account.

(Seal.)

✠ MICHAEL CARR LOUPE, Governor.
PATRICK LAVNEY, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 31st day of May, 1900.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

29th day of June, 1900.

III.—Cavan Protestant Board of Education.

The Cavan Protestant Local Board beg to submit the following report for the year ending 1st August, 1900.—
The members of the Board remain the same as in last report, and the honorary officers also remain the same, viz. :—

The Lord Bishop of Kilmore, *Chairman*.
James Hartley, Esq., J.P., *Vice-Chairman*.
Rev. W. C. McCausland, M.A., *Hon. Sec.*

The Board report with great satisfaction that the School continues to maintain its high standard of efficiency. The subjects taught were same as in previous years. Thirteen pupils competed at the Intermediate Examinations, viz.—One Senior Grade, three Middle Grade, five Junior Grade, and four Preparatory Grade. Twelve passed the Examination generally, gaining two Exhibitions, one Book Prize, and one Special Prize in English Composition (Middle Grade), and one Special Prize in Latin Composition (Preparatory Grade). One pupil competed at the Examination for Clerkships in the Bank of Ireland and gained fifth place.

An Examination for Free Scholarships was held in July. Unfortunately, only one candidate competed, and the Examiners reported his answering as bad, consequently no Scholarship was awarded.

During the year the Board spent over £100 in putting in a hot water supply and other improvements, and sanctioned an expenditure of over £350 on sanitary works to be carried out during the summer holidays. The Board believe, when this work is completed, the School premises will be in every way satisfactory.

The Board regret being very much crippled from want of funds, the income being quite inadequate to meet the necessary expenses.

W. C. MCCAVSLAND, *Hon. Sec.*

IV. Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.

FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1900.

The Board.—The following are the members of the Board:—The Most Rev. Dr. McGennis, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, *Chairman*; the Very Rev. C. O'Reilly, the Rev. John Brady, the Very Rev. P. Lynch, the Rev. Hugh Brady, *Hon. Sec.*; Thomas Markey, Esq., *Vice-Chairman*; William Finlay, Esq.; — Smith, Esq.; Philip Cahill, Esq.

Four meetings were held—February 21st, July 6th, November 7th, December 28th.

The Examinations.—The competitive examination was held June 21st. Five candidates were examined. Three failed to reach qualifying standard. One was disqualified by reason of non-residence in the district, and the other was awarded the Free Place, having obtained 50 per cent. We learn, however, that he has not come to the College.

St. Patrick's College.—The number of students in the College at the end of school year was 55—41 Boarders and 14 Day Students. Twenty-three were presented at the Intermediate Examinations. Of these 19 passed. There were two Junior Exhibitions. Other distinctions were—Middle Grade Exhibition returned, First Class Senior Grade Book Prize. Middle Grade Book Prize. Preparatory Grade Book Prize.

Commissioner.—The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, elected at a meeting, 21st December, 1899.

At the last meeting of the Board, December 28th, 1900, a letter was read from Rev. John Brady resigning his position on the Board. It was also noted that Mr. Finlay and Mr. Markey were disqualified by reason of non-attendance.

The Board took steps to have members for co-option at next meeting.

[Seal.]

✠ EDWARD M'GENNIS, *Chairman*.
HUGH BRADY, J.P., *Hon. Sec.*

THE ACCOUNT OF THE CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1899.

Dr.		31st December, 1899.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Balance as per last Account,	24 11 9	By Arrears of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1899, under the following headings:—			
• Amount of Miscellaneous Receipts in the year ended 31st December, 1899, viz. :—		Salaries,	100 0 0		
• Cash from Commissioners as share of Endowments,	215 3 2	• Other Payments, viz. :—			
• Balance for last year on Account with Union Bank, February 28th, 1899,	0 10 3	• Use of Audit,	1 1 0		111 1 0
• Cash from Commissioners, July 2nd, 1899,	80 3 2				
• Interest on Account with Bank, August 21st, 1899,	0 15 3	Total Payment,	—		101 1 0
	315 3 16	• Balance per Bank Book,	0 14 7		
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1899,	—		531 7
Total,	531 15 7	Total,	—		531 15 7

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

✠ EDWARD M'GENNIS, *Governor*.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1900.

HUGH BRADY, *Accounting Officer*.

2nd day of February, 1900.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor*.

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V. Donegal Protestant Board of Education.

For the year ending 1st August, 1900.

Constitution of the Board.—Elected Members:—Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D.; William H. Boyd, Esq., D.L.; Rev. John Molloy; Rev. A. G. Lecky, D.A.; Rev. Canon Thompson; Rev. Samuel Mack, D.A.; Rev. William Scott, D.A.; Messrs. Robert Carson Wilson, Thomas Hamilton.

Co-opted Members:—Rev. James Craig Wallace, M.A.; the Very Rev. Dean Bennett, M.A.; Capt. Stoney, J.P.; Messrs. John E. Wain, J.P.; David Wilson, J.A.

Meetings of the Board.—The Board held four stated, and three special meetings during the year. A tabulated statement of attendance of members is appended hereto.

Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D., was Chairman, and Captain Stoney, J.P., Vice-Chairman, for the year.

His Honor Judge Craig was re-elected Representative Commissioner.

Raphee Royal School.—The Royal School continues to maintain its efficiency. The average number of pupils on the school roll for the year has been 65, of whom 11 were Boarders. Five pupils who received their Intermediate Education exclusively at the School have, during the year, passed creditably the preliminary examinations of Trinity College, the Royal University, and the Queen's College. Sixteen pupils passed the Intermediate Examinations in 1899. One gained an Exhibition, and two gained prizes in the Preparatory Grade—one a prize in the Middle Grade, and one a special prize in English Composition in the Junior Grade. The three Entrance Scholarships offered by the Board and the Head Master, in 1898, having proved successful in attracting capable pupils to the School, it has been arranged to offer these again. The examination will be held on 10th August next.

The Teaching Staff is as follows:—Philander J. Bain, Esq., Head Master; Messrs. H. D. Canning, M.A.; Andrew Gibson, Assistant Masters; Miss D. A. Bain, Principal of Girls' School, Miss Broadland, and Miss Walker, Assistant Teachers; Miss Laird, Teacher of Shorthand.

The subjects taught are Greek, Latin, French, German, English (in all its branches), Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Drawing, Painting, Domestic Economy, Music, Typewriting, and Shorthand.

A tabulated statement of the prescribed number of pupils fulfilling the requirements of the Scheme, with the number who have passed the recent Intermediate Examinations, will be furnished to the Inspector, N. D. Murphy, Esq.

Treasury, &c.—In addition to the ordinary income, the Board received during the year the sum of £145 19s. from the Armagh Protestant Board of Education. This sum has been applied to the payment of a debt incurred by the Board on the recent improvements to the school premises. A copy of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1899, is sent herewith.

Free Places.—The examination for Free Places at the Raphee Royal School was held on 10th August, 1899. Two candidates presented themselves for examination. One was admitted as a pupil. The other failed to satisfy the Examiners in Grammar and Dictation. The Examiners were—Rev. Canon Thompson and Rev. William Scott. The next examination is advertised to be held on 17th August next.

The Board desire to draw the attention of the Commissioners to the fact reported to them by the Head Master of the Raphee Royal School, that there is an increasing tendency among the pupils of the Middle Grade who are preparing for professional and commercial life, to refuse to enter for the Intermediate Examinations. If this tendency should continue it might be of advantage if the requirements of the Scheme could be modified.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board held 27th July, 1900.

(Seal.)

R. M'Morris,

Chairman.

THE DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Attendance of Members for the year ending 1st August, 1900.

Names.	July 26.	Oct. 27.	Dec. 26.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 25.	Mar. 21.	May 10.	April 17.	Total.
Rev. R. M'Morris, D.D.	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	5
William H. Boyd, Esq., D.L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rev. John Molloy.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rev. A. G. Lecky, D.A.	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	4
Rev. Canon Thompson.	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	5
Rev. Samuel Mack, D.A.	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
Rev. William Scott, D.A.	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3
R. Carson Wilson, Esq.	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Mr. Thomas Hamilton.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Rev. Jas. Craig Wallace, M.A.	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	5
Captain Stoney, J.P.	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	4
John E. Wain, Esq., J.P.	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	6
Dean Bennett, M.A.	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
David Wilson, Esq., J.A.	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	7
Meeting for Co-opted Members.									

R. M'Morris, Chairman.

Table showing the Attendances at Meetings since the date of last Annual Report.

MEMBERS.	22 Sept. 1899.	14 Feb. 1900.	19 May, 1900.	2 June, 1900.	TOTAL.
Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell,	1	1	1	1	4
Right Rev. Monsignor McFadden,	1	—	1	—	2
Right Rev. Monsignor McIlrath,	1	1	1	1	4
Rev. John Delaney,	1	—	—	1	2
Very Rev. Dr. Maguire,	1	1	—	—	2
Joseph McConno, Esq., J.P.,	—	—	1	—	1
Hugh McDermott, Esq., J.P.,	—	1	—	—	1
E. McFadden, Esq., Solicitor,	—	1	—	1	2
James Doyle, Esq., Solicitor,	1	—	—	—	1
Total,	5	3	3	3	14

11th September, 1900.

VII. Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.

For year ended August 1, 1900.

This Board held five meetings during the year, and the attendance of members was as follows:—

—	Meetings.	—	Meetings.
The Lord Bishop of Clogher (Chairman) or Deputy,	5	Rev. Robert Doyle,	2
William Teale, Esq., J.P. (Vice-Chairman),	5	William Carson, J.P.,	2
Rev. Canon Ormond, D.D.,	4	Dr. O. Turner,	5
William R. Cooney,	2	Andrew Stuart,	2
Edward Archdale, D.L.,	1		

The Board has again the satisfaction of reporting that Portora Royal School, under Dr. Biggs's efficient management, continues to flourish and to enjoy a large measure of prosperity as an educational establishment.

† The funds at the Board's disposal during the year were sufficient, after providing for all current expenses, to enable the Governors to grant a bonus to the salary of the Head Master and each of his Assistants, and also to further reduce the debt on the school premises by another payment of £250, leaving the amount now chargeable against the property, £1,350.

‡ The improvements contemplated in last report—erection of pump, pump-house and gas engine, and erection of covered passage from school house to main building—have all been successfully carried out, and have added very considerably to the efficiency of the establishment and the comfort of the inmates.

The attendance of pupils has ranged from 105 to 123. Three free boys were admitted in September, 1899, and one of the other free boys got his term of free education extended for a third year.

Fifty-eight scholars were entered for the Intermediate Examinations (1900), and 28 of these candidates—see list of Passes and Honours annexed—passed.

The Lough Erne Steamboat Company has proceeded during the year with the construction of the proposed dock on the waste ground on lake shore at Portora Point.

This report was adopted, signed, and sealed at a meeting of the Board, held on Wednesday, 7th November, 1900.

EDWARD ARCHDALE, *Chairman.*W. R. COONEY, *Member.*W. TEALE, *Member.*

PORTORA ROYAL SCHOOL, ESTABLISHED.—Results of INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATIONS, 1900.

Senior Grade:—

Duff, D.—26th Place, with Honours in all (7) subjects; First-class Book Prize, £3; Composition Prize in Latin, £4, Composition Prize in French, £4. Exhibition retained, £20.

Morris, C. R.—Passed; with Honours in Latin.

Middle Grade:—

Babman, R.—23rd Place, with Honours in all (7) subjects; Exhibition, £20 a year for two years.

Stewart, J. B.—Honours in five subjects; Exhibition retained, £20.

Armstrong W., Brown, W., Smith A., Dewar, J., Tugart, A., Eves, P., Molony, J., Jones, J., Kinkard, G., Murphy, G., Graham, C., and Carr, T.—Passed; with Honours.

Junior Grade:—

Woods, C. L.—Honours in nine subjects; Exhibition, £20 a year for three years.

Hickson, B. C.—Honours in six subjects; Third-class Book Prize, £1.

Jones, C. R.—Composition Prize in English, £3.

Trimble, R., Davis, O., Magill, G., Ash, J., Jacob, G., Nixon, W.—Passed; with Honours.

Vaugh, G.—Passed.

Preparatory Grade:—

Flood, J. E. W.—3rd Place, with Honours in all (6) subjects; Exhibition, £20; Composition Prize in Greek, £2; Composition Prize in Latin, £2; 1272 out of 1200 in Latin; 600 out of 600 in Euclid.

Babman, E. M.—Honours in all (6) subjects; Book Prize, £1.

THE ACCOUNT OF FERMANAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1899.

Dr.

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CHARGE.		£	s	d	DISBURSEMENT.		£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance, as per last Account,		62	7	7	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1899, under the following headings:—							
Amount of Donations, Bequests and other Endowments, received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,		628	7	0	Maintenance of Teachers, &c.,		242	9	4			
Amount of Rents received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,		97	4	5	Books and Taxes, &c.,		20	5	11			
Amount of Fees received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,		343	6	3	Salaries,		1,029	6	2			
Amount of Miscellaneous Receipts in the year ended 31st December, 1899 (not included in the foregoing), viz.—					Passes,		15	0	4			
Interest on Account with the Ulster Bank (1899),		6	0	11	Other Payments, viz.—					1,315	5	9
		6	0	11	In further reduction of Debt on Portora School Premises,		250	0	0			
		6	0	11	Fifty Cask Reposes,		6	34	0			
		6	0	11	Legal Expenses,		2	0	0			
		6	0	11	Total Payment,							
		6	0	11	Balance per Bank Book,		478	3	5			
		6	0	11	Balance in Accounting Officer's hands,		0	5	5			
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We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.]

CHARLES M. COOGER, Governor.

S. CUTHBERT MITCHELL, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1900.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

30th day of January, 1900.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

VIII. Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT of the FERMANAGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended August 1, 1900.

The members of the Board at present are:—Most Rev. Richard Owens, D.D., Lord Bishop of Clogher, Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor Smillie, F.P., V.G., Vice-Chairman; Very Rev. L. J. Canon O'Neill, S.P.; Very Rev. Patrick Canon Smyth, F.P.; Very Rev. Monsignor Moogan, S.P.; Patrick Rafferty, Esq., S.P.; Hugh H. Lindsay, Esq., S.P.; Anthony Cassidy, Esq., and Denis Carolan Burke, Esq., S.P., Hon. Secretary.

During the year the ordinary quarterly meetings and one extraordinary meeting were held. At the annual Competitive Examination held June 20th, in St. Macarten's Seminary, seven candidates presented themselves. The answering of the candidates was highly satisfactory, as even the last placed secured the percentage necessary for a Free Place. The Four Places offered for competition were duly awarded.

Thirty-five pupils entered for the Intermediate Examinations in June, 1900; of these twenty-six passed. The number of students in St. Macarten's Seminary was forty-seven, one being a Day Pupil. The Teaching Staff remained the same as in the previous year.

The following meetings were held during the year :—

1st Meeting (Ordinary),	27th September, 1899,	held at St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.
2nd " "	5th December, 1899,	" the Presbytery, Baniskillen.
3rd " (Special),	3rd January, 1900,	" St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.
4th " (Ordinary),	21st March, 1900,	" St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.
5th " "	8th June, 1900,	" the Presbytery, Baniskillen.

Attendances of the Members of the Board :—

Members of Board.	Number of Attendances.	Members of Board.	Number of Attendances.
Most Rev. Richard Owens, D.D. (Chairman).	5	Anthony Curry, Esq.	—
Right Rev. T. Monaghan Duffin (Vice-Chairman).	5	Hugh E. Lavelley, Esq., J.P.	3
Very Rev. B. Monaghan Moore.	5	Patrick Hefferty, Esq., J.P.	3
Very Rev. L. J. Cullen O.N.M.	5	D. Charles Burke, Esq., B.A. (West. Sec.)	3
Very Rev. T. Canon Smith.	5		

Table showing Results of Intermediate Examinations held in June, 1900 :—

No.	Names.	Date of Birth.	Days of Attendance.	Grade.	Prize.
1	Patrick O'Callaghan.	18th March, 1881.	142	Sensor.	Junior Examination retained
2	Francis O'Brien.	18th September, 1881.	142	do.	—
3	John O'Flaherty.	18th October, 1881.	142	do.	—
4	Patrick Moore.	8th October, 1881.	142	do.	Middle Examination retained and 1st Prize.
5	Francis Duffy.	18th April, 1881.	141	do.	Middle Examination retained and 1st Prize.
6	William Henderson.	18th April, 1881.	142	do.	—
7	Michael Blackett.	11th February, 1881.	142	do.	—
8	Michael M. Connell.	4th August, 1881.	144	Middle.	Junior Examination retained and 1st Prize.
9	James McEneaney.	1st May, 1881.	142	do.	2d Prize.
10	Edward Purry.	26th December, 1881.	145	do.	—
11	James McManus.	28th October, 1881.	147	do.	—
12	Thomas Matthews.	14th April, 1881.	147	Tucker.	—
13	Edward Harris.	26th June, 1881.	148	do.	3d Prize.
14	James Quinn.	2nd March, 1881.	147	do.	—
15	Matthew Lavelley.	8th March, 1881.	147	do.	—
16	Thomas L. Morris.	6th January, 1881.	147	do.	—
17	Patrick Woods.	10th January, 1881.	149	do.	—
18	George M. Farland.	6th July, 1881.	147	do.	—
19	Francis Halliwell.	6th November, 1881.	147	do.	—
20	John Kinnon.	18th April, 1881.	148	do.	—
21	John Kinnon.	28th October, 1881.	148	do.	—
22	James Daly.	28th May, 1881.	150	do.	—
23	Patrick A. Woods.	2nd August, 1881.	157	do.	—
24	Patrick Kerr.	11th March, 1881.	164	Preparatory.	3d Prize.
25	Richard McManus.	9th August, 1881.	144	do.	—
26	Joseph Downes.	28th June, 1881.	144	do.	—

Thirty-five pupils presented themselves at the last Intermediate Examinations: the above-named passed.

A correct copy of the last audited Account for the year ended 31st December, 1899, accompanies this Report.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board held in St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, on the 26th September, 1900.

[Seal.]

(Signed),

✠ RICHARD OWENS, Chairman.

DAMES CAROLAN BRYNE, *Honorary Secretary.*

The Account of the FERRISBURGH ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1899.

Dr.

Cr.

CHARGE.	£ s d.	DISBURSE.	£ s d.	£ s d.
To Balance as per last Account,	203 10 3	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1899, under the following headings:—		
Amount of Interest received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,	5 5 5	Salaries,	445 0 0	
Amount of Miscellaneous Receipts in the year ended 31st December, 1899 (not included in the foregoing) viz:—		Maintenance of Serrist Staff,	400 0 0	
Amount received from the Commissioners of Education,	625 5 5	Educational Expenses,	124 5 5	
	625 5 5	Prizes,	115 10 0	
	625 5 5	Total Payments,	—	1,085 10 5
		Balance, per Bank Book,	35 10 5	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1899,	—	20 10 5
Total,	£ 1,118 0 10	Total,	—	£ 1,118 0 10

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

THOMAS SMOLLEN, F.R.C., Vice-Chairman.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1900.

D. CAMPBELL RUSSELL, Hon. Secretary.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

12th day of May, 1900.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

IX. Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The Tyrone Protestant Board of Education have the honour to submit the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending July 31st, 1900.

No change has taken place in the constitution of the Board, which is as follows:—

James Brown, Esq., J.P., Chairman; Colonel Burgess, M.P., Vice-Chairman; James Dickson, Esq., J.P.; Rev. Canon Richards, M.P.; Rev. H. B. Wilson, M.P.; William Wilson, Esq., J.P.; Major B. Stuart; W. J. Venables, Esq.; John W. Leeboddy, M.P., Hon. Secretary.

Four meetings of the Board have been held, at which the financial and general business in connection with the trust have been dealt with.

The entire buildings are in good condition and repair, and a considerable sum has been spent on the Sanatorium to render it more habitable.

Classes in connection with the Board of Education, South Kensington, continue to be held, with fairly satisfactory results.

As has been the case for some years past, there has been no competition for the Free Places granted in compliance with the terms of the Scheme. No definite action has yet been taken by the Board with a view to stimulate competition, but they hope to formulate a scheme shortly which will have the desired effect.

Pending the changes which are now in progress as regards Technical Education, and which are likely to take place as regards Intermediate Education, the Board has not considered it expedient to incur any expense in the direction indicated by your Inspector in his last report in connection with Science teaching.

We have the honour to be

Your obedient servants,

YVRE H. BURGESS, Vice-Chairman.

JOHN W. LEEBODDY, M.P., Hon. Secretary.

September 6, 1900.

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Attached is a list of honours gained by pupils of the School during the year :—

ROYAL SCHOOL, DUNGANNON.—HONOUR LIST, 1899-1900.

Queen's College, Belfast (October, 1898).

J. Johnston.—Literary Scholarship.—£24.—First Place.

Queen's College, Galway.

G. H. Heaslett.—Literary Scholarship.—£24.—First Place.

A. Leitch.—Classical Exhibition.—£20.

Royal University (October, 1898).

Classical Scholarship.—£20 for three years.—J. Johnston.

Matriculation (June, 1900).—Beatty, R.—Second Class Honours in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; Second Class Exhibition of £12.

Passed (June, 1900).—Beatty, R.; Kennedy, R. F.; McGowan, W. S.; Bristow, H. L.; Lyons, W. T.; Gallagher, R.; Burgess, C. H.

None failed.

Trinity College, Dublin (May, 1900).

Mathematical Scholarship (Third Place).—E. Harper.

First Honours in Mathematics, Hilary Term Examination.—E. H. Harper.

Trinity College Entrance.

Hunter, L.; Venables, W. R. B.

Intermediate Examinations, 1900.

Exhibitions.

Johnston, W. H.—Junior Grade Exhibition.—£20 for three years.

Harper, V. M.—Preparatory Grade Exhibition.—£20.

Watson, J. E. M.—Preparatory Grade Exhibition.—£20.

Book Prizes.

Abbott, W.; Matthews, W. D. W.—Senior Grade Book Prizes of £1.

Patten, A.—Middle Grade Book Prize.—£2.

Bloomer, J.—Junior Grade Book Prize of £2.

Hamilton.—Preparatory Grade Book Prize.—£1.

Composition Prize.

German Composition Prize of £4.—Matthews, W. D. W.

Retained Exhibitions.

Abbott, W.—Middle Grade Exhibition of £30.

Matthews, W. D. W.—Junior Grade Exhibition of £20.

Patten, A.—Junior Grade Exhibition of £20.

Ballick, A.—Junior Grade Exhibition of £20.

Passed.

Senior Grade.—Matthews, Abbott.

Middle Grade.—Ballick, Patton, Woods.

Junior Grade.—Bloomer, Boardman, Burrowes, Currie, Howard, Ireland, Johnston, McLean, Porter, Scott, G.; Smith, S.; Wilson.

Preparatory Grade.—Campbell, C.; Hamilton, Harper, V.; Watson.

Twenty-one passed; twenty-four entered.

Science and Art Department Examinations, held April, 1900.

Mathematics.

Third Stage.

First Class.—Beatty, R.

Second Class.—Abbott, W.

Second Stage.

Second Class.—Matthews, W.; Sloan, J. T.; Tackaberry.

First Stage.

First Class.—Harper, V. M.; Burrowes, H.

Second Class.—Watson, J. E. M.; McLean, W.; Scott, G.; Johnston, W. H.; Fergus, H.; Boardman, T. S. K.; Bloomer, J.; Gallagher, R.

Theoretical Mechanics.

First Class.—Burgess, C. H.; Beatty, R.

Second Class.—McGowan, W.; Bristow, H. L.

Electricity and Magnetism.

First Class.—Bristow, H. L.; Beatty, R.; Abbott, W.; Twigg, H. T.

Second Class.—Burgess, C. H.; McGowan, W.

Chemistry.

First Class.—Harper, V. M.; Tackaberry, J. B.

Sound, Light, and Heat.

First Class.—Beatty, R.

The ACCOUNT of the TYRONE PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1899.

Dr.

Cr.

DEBIT.	£ s. d.	CREDIT.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	119 17 2	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December 1899, under the following headings:—		
Amount of Donations, Bequests, and other Endowments received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,	765 7 8	Maintenance of Freeholders, &c.,	181 20 2	
Amount of Bank Interest received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,	35 9 7	Rent and Taxes, &c.,	52 16 18	
Amount of Bonds received in the year ended 31st December, 1899,	20 0 0	Salaries,	298 0 0	
		Editorial Expenses,	22 30 3	
		Prizes,	19 0 0	
		Other Payments, viz.—		404 5 2
		School Athletic Club—Voucher No. 1,	15 0 0	
		Law Expenses—Voucher No. 20,	43 0 0	
		Auditor's Fee—Voucher No. 28,	2 2 0	
		Total Payments,	—	467 9 2
		Balance per Bank Book,	642 1 5	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1899,	—	642 1 5
Total,	£1,000 5 5	Total,	—	£1,000 5 5

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

JAMES BROWN, Governor.

JOHN W. LEEDS, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1900.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

19th day of June, 1900.

X. Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.

Report for the Year ended 1st August, 1900.

Meetings were held:—

1. Thursday, 7th September, 1899.
2. Thursday, 14th December, 1899.
3. Friday, 19th January, 1900.
4. Tuesday, 6th February, 1900.
5. Tuesday, 12th June, 1900.
6. Tuesday, 19th June, 1900.

Chairman.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.C., Dungannon, Dean of Armagh.

Vice-Chairman.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.C., Cookstown.

Honorary Secretary.—Henry Tobell, J.P., May, Co. Tyrone.

Treasurer.—Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dungannon.

Commissioner of Education elected.—Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne.

Estate Committee.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, Wm. James Reynolds, Esq., Henry Tobell, J.P.

School Committee.—Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne, Very Rev. Canon Rice, Very Rev. Canon McCarroll, W. J. Reynolds, Esq., and Henry Tobell, J.P.

The attendance at St. Patrick's Academy during the school year was rather larger than usual, though the number of Intermediate passes was one pupil less than in 1899; however, this was due to the fact that several rather young boys entered the Academy whose previous training in English was of a very low order.

The discipline and spirit of study were on the whole satisfactory.

At the Examination for Free Places, 16 boys and 8 girls competed, of whom 7 boys and 7 girls scored 80 per cent. or upwards of the total marks, and were awarded either half or whole Free Places in accordance with their marks. The Examination was made by the Inspector of National Schools.

A copy of the audited account for the calendar year 1899 is enclosed herewith.

A list of the meetings held during the school year, with the attendance of the members, is also enclosed, and a list of the pupils who passed the Intermediate Examinations.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1900, and sealed with the Common Seal of this Board: and signed.

[Seal.]

P. J. BYRNE, Chairman.

HENRY TOBELL, Hon. Sec.

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Meetings held during the School Year, with the Attendances of the Members.

	Meeting, 7th Sept., 1894.	Meeting, 14th Dec., 1894.	Meeting, 10th Jan., 1895.	Meeting, 8th Feb., 1895.	Meeting, 18th Jan., 1895.	Adjourned Meeting, 18th June, 1895.	Total Attendances of each Member.
1. Most Rev. John K. O'Doherty, Lord Bishop of Derry, Derry.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Most Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.A., Dean, Dun- gannon.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
3. Right Rev. Monsignor McManus, B.P., V.F., Omagh.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Very Rev. Thomas Cunniff, B.P., V.F., Omeah- town.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
5. Very Rev. John Joseph Cunniff, P.P., Dungannon.	1	1	1	1	-	-	4
6. Wm. James Reynolds, Esq., Schooler, Dungannon.	1	-	-	-	1	1	3
7. John Maguire, Esq., J.P., Drumbhewy House, Irvin- gowan.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
8. Daniel Rackett, Esq., Omagh.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
9. Henry Tobell, Esq., Moy.	1	1	-	1	1	1	5
Number of Members at each Meeting.	6	3	3	4	4	4	-

MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF.

1. Rev. John Ward, B.D., Maynooth College, *Head Master*.
2. P. J. McNamara, Esq., Intermediate Exhibitioner, Three Grades, Medalist, University Exhibitions, 2nd Arts Undergraduate, R.U.I.
3. J. O'Hart Devine, University Honoursman, 2nd University man, R.U.I. Medalist.
4. Miss M. Mulligan, Exhibitioner, Intermediate Examinations.
5. Sister M. Josephine Carey.
6. John McNally, Esq., Exhibitioner, Intermediate Examinations.

Subjects regularly taught in the School.—Latin, Greek, English, French, Italian, Celtic, Ancient and Modern History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid, Music, Drawing, and Domestic Economy.

Number of Pupils on the Roll of the School, 72

Number in average Daily Attendance, 69

Number passed at the Intermediate Examinations, 31

Number passed in the qualifying subjects under the First Schedule of the Scheme, 17

Prize Winners, 3—Bernard McGeigan, £2, Latin Composition.
William Daly, £1, Book Prize.
Margaret Greene, £1, Book Prize

The following pupils passed the Intermediate Examinations of 1900.

Official Ranking- Hon No.	Names.	Dates of Exams.	Days in Attendance.	Grade	Marks	Penses	Passed in the Qualifying Subjects under the Schedule of the Exams.
4844	George Brown, . . .	7 June, 1899,	209	Middle, . . .	1190	—	1
4899	Patrick Donnelly, . . .	18 May, 1899,	206	"	679	—	1
5000	Joseph D. McManey, . . .	3 Aug., 1899,	194	"	1304	—	1
5100	Philip D. Conway, . . .	28 July, 1899,	216	Junior, . . .	430	—	—
5415	William Dugby, . . .	7 Mar., 1899,	211	"	452	—	—
5759	Patrick J. Gorman, . . .	1 May, 1899,	215	"	553	—	—
5843	Thomas J. Grimes, . . .	27 Aug., 1899,	185	"	1628	—	1
5909	John H. Harbison, . . .	27 Mar., 1899,	190	"	1770	—	1
5964	Wm. H. Healy, . . .	24 July, 1899,	214	"	620	—	—
5970	Edward Kelly, . . .	28 Nov., 1899,	209	"	1373	—	1
5982	Patrick Lory, . . .	27 Feb., 1899,	210	"	548	—	—
5987	Bernard McQuigan, . . .	15 June, 1899,	211	"	1095	22 Fines, Latin Composition	1
5987	John P. O'Connor, . . .	22 July, 1899,	213	"	503	—	1
5978	Edward Connor, . . .	20 Oct., 1899,	215	Preparatory, . . .	915	—	1
598	William Daly, . . .	26 Dec., 1899,	204	"	2072	41 Book Fines, . . .	1
599	Bernard Kelly, . . .	18 Feb., 1899,	204	"	1096	—	1
599	Patrick J. Rafferty, . . .	23 Aug., 1899,	204	"	999	—	—
1305	Francis J. Tierney, . . .	10 April, 1899,	213	"	604	—	1
6008	Mary G. Daly, . . .	22 May, 1899,	177	Middle, . . .	1196	—	1
6210	Catherine Carr, . . .	26 Feb., 1899,	179	Junior, . . .	591	—	—
6220	Margaret J. Daly, . . .	16 May, 1899,	177	"	737	—	—
6227	Catherine Donnelly, . . .	26 Feb., 1899,	177	"	653	—	—
6406	Emmett A. Feely, . . .	1 Jan., 1899,	203	"	452	—	—
6967	Margaret Greene, . . .	17 Nov., 1899,	205	"	1605	63 Book Fines, . . .	1
7241	Mary N. Higgins, . . .	26 Sept., 1899,	160	"	207	—	—
7255	Isabella E. Tighe, . . .	6 June, 1899,	166	"	373	—	—
7159	Anne Longhouse, . . .	7 Jan., 1899,	163	"	430	—	—
7290	Kathleen McGuire, . . .	27 July, 1899,	169	"	1044	—	1
7479	Mary Owens, . . .	12 June, 1899,	167	"	591	—	—
8030	Mary Healy, . . .	15 Sept., 1899,	174	Preparatory, . . .	776	—	1
8229	Ann A. Owens, . . .	5 June, 1899,	219	"	613	—	1
						5	17

XI.—Preston School Authority, Abbeyleix.

PRESTON SCHOOL, ABBEYLEIX.—REPORT for the year 1899-1900 of the Local School Authority.

There were twelve meetings of the School Authority held during the year, at which the following attendances are recorded:—

—	Meetings	—	Meetings
Thomas de Vaux,	9	Joseph Debbie,	9
Colonel Fox,	9	William Dole,	7
H. G. Fincklerbert,	9	James McMahon,	6
H. B. Gossney,	10	E. J. Kearney,	6
Gealy E. Swan,	9	Colonel Cahill,	1
M. W. Burke,	11	B. E. O'Brien,	1
Captain Hand,	9		

The numbers of pupils on the Roll on January, 1899, were 22 boarders and 24 day boys.

In August, 1899, the numbers decreased to 19 boarders and 17 day boys.

In January, 1900, the numbers fell still further to 9 boarders and 13 day boys, showing, we regret to say, a considerable decrease.

The following successes were obtained during the year by the Pupils of the School:—

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATIONS.

Theoretical Mechanics (Solids)—2 candidates. Successes—4 Firsts and 2 Seconds.
 Mathematics (Stage I.)—14 candidates. Successes—5 Firsts and 2 Seconds.
 Mathematics (Stage II.)—5 candidates. Successes—2 Firsts and 1 second.
 Sound, Light, and Heat—3 candidates. Successes—3 First Class Certificates.

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATIONS.

At the June Intermediate Examinations, 1899, 20 candidates presented themselves for examination, and 9 succeeded in passing.

The Distinctions won were:—One Exhibition in the Middle Grade (Abbott); one Exhibition in the Junior Grade (Hynes); and a 2d Book Prize in the Junior Grade (Woods).

At the June First Arts Royal University Examinations our two candidates were successful (Martin and Beamish).

A. P. C. K. EXAMINATION.

14 candidates were examined, of whom 8 passed, 4 obtained First Class Prizes, R. H. Hynes First Place (Boys), with Silver Medal.

In the Junior Grade 6 candidates were examined, 3 passed, and 1 obtained a Second Class Prize.

We regret to say that the progress of the School has not been at all satisfactory during the year. The Head Master resigned, but at the request of the School Authority retains his position till June 23rd, to afford time for the selection of his successor, and we trust the set back in the prosperity of the School will prove but temporary.

SAMUEL LEIGH,

Secretary.

Boothfield April 21st, 1900.

The ACCOUNT of PABSTON SCHOOL AUTHORITY, ARREYLIX, for the year ended 31st December, 1900.

Dr.		Cr.		
CHARGE	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amount of Donations, Bequests and other Endowments, received in the year ended 31st December, 1900	227 13 6	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1900, under the following headings:—		
Amount of Fees received in the year ended 31st December, 1900.	77 15 0	Maintenance of Pupils, &c.	64 11 0	
Amount of Miscellaneous Receipts in the year ended 31st December, 1900 (not included in the foregoing), viz—	£ s. d.	Board and Travelling, &c.	12 7 9	
"Blount Park R. M. O'Connell."	35 0 0	Salaries	180 3 0	
Salaries due Hibernian Bank, Arreylux Branch, 31st December, 1900.	132 9 6	Maintenance of Resident Staff	186 0 0	
		Edificational Expenses	26 11 6	
		Fines	5 5 11	300 2 2
		Other Payments, viz:—		
		Charge Book	0 0 1	
		For Overdraft to 30th June, 1900.	4 0 0	
		Charge Book	0 0 1	
		Expenses Paid	2 11 0	
		For Credit to 31st December, 1900.	6 10 2	12 2 8
		Total Payment	—	313 11 12
		Balance carried over Account on 31st December, 1900.	—	238 2 2
Total	2 082 1 2	Total	—	551 1 2

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1901.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

2nd day of April, 1901.

DE VIGOR, Chairman.

SAMUEL LEIGH, Accounting Officer.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

No. 7681.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

19th April, 1901.

SIR,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th instant, and accompanying Copies of the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the Year 1900.

I am,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

D. HARREL.

The Secretary,

Commissioners of Education in Ireland,

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